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these are THE days

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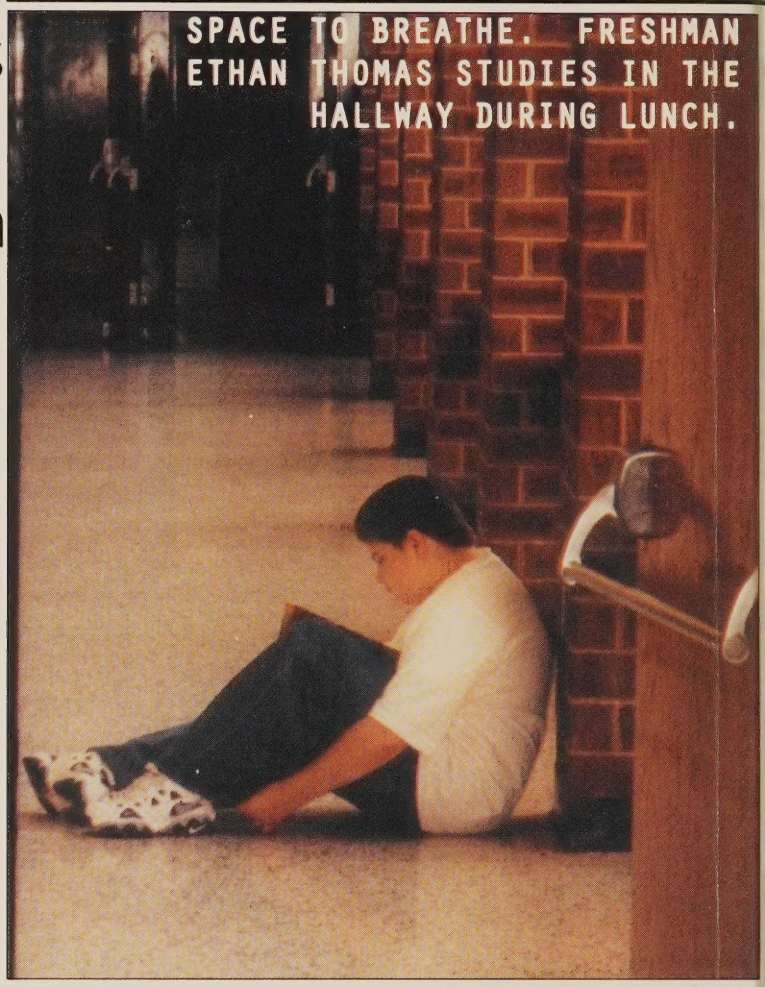
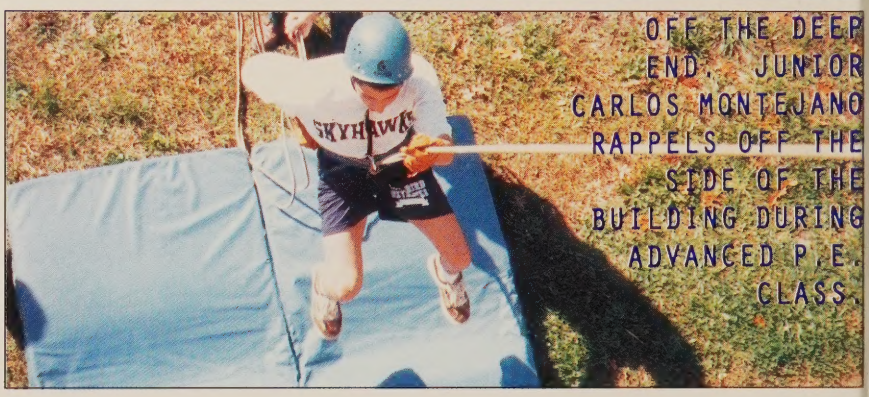
THE BEST

so, what's around? Is it the DEAFENING roar of the crowd that rises to their feet when a touchdown is scored? Is it the soft sigh of elegant ROMANCE heard as the last dance commences at homecoming? Is it the elation felt upon holding a treasured driver's LICENSE for the first time?

Or is it the overwhelming stress of studying for block after block of TESTS? Is it the welling sadness when a friend is



SPACE TO BREATHE. FRESHMAN ETHAN THOMAS STUDIES IN THE HALLWAY DURING LUNCH.

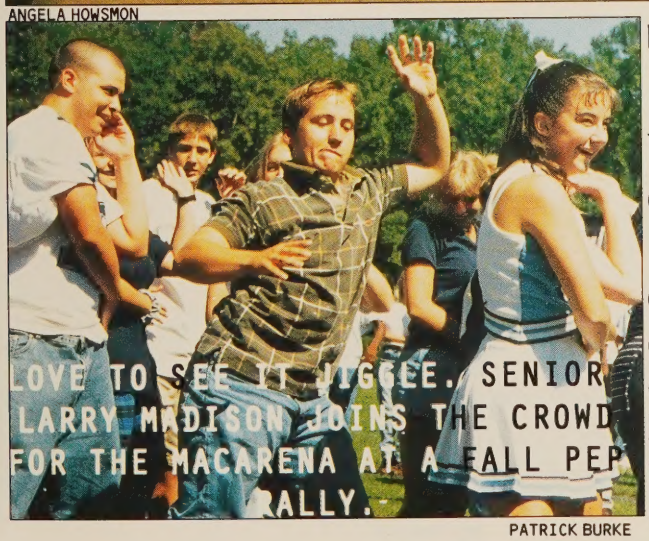


OFF THE DEEP END. JUNIOR CARLOS MONTEJANO RAPPELS OFF THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING DURING ADVANCED P.E. CLASS.

OF WHAT'S AROUND

THE LONG WALK DOWN. A VIEW OF THE SCHOOL IN ITS NATURAL ELEMENT.

ANGELA HOWSMON



LOVE TO SEE IT JIGGLE. SENIOR LARRY MADISON JOINS THE CROWD FOR THE MACARENA AT A FALL PEP RALLY.

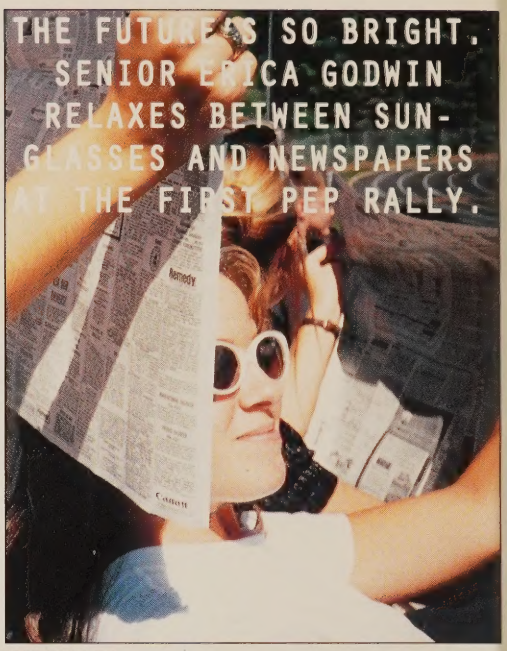
PATRICK BURKE

not there in a time of need? Is it the frustration when the candy machine eats two quarters (and a dime)?

Stop to smell the roses. Take comfort in the normalcy of **LIFE** on campus: the volleyball team who cheers on the field hockey games, the breakdown of only your computer in the library, the freshman who scurries through the crowded halls....

VISITOR'S DAY AT THE HOME. SENIOR SCOTT WILLIAMS SHOWS SCHOOL SPIRIT FOR "DRESS LIKE YOUR GRAND-PARENTS" DAY.

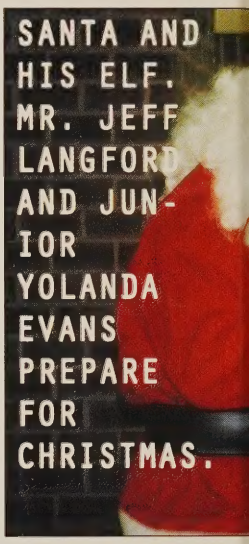
ERIN HUNDLEY



THE FUTURE IS SO BRIGHT. SENIOR ERICA GODWIN RELAXES BETWEEN SUN-GLASSES AND NEWSPAPERS AT THE FIRST PEP RALLY.

ERIN HUNDLEY

by mike joosse



SANTA AND HIS ELF. MR. JEFF LANGFORD AND JUNIOR YOLANDA EVANS PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS.

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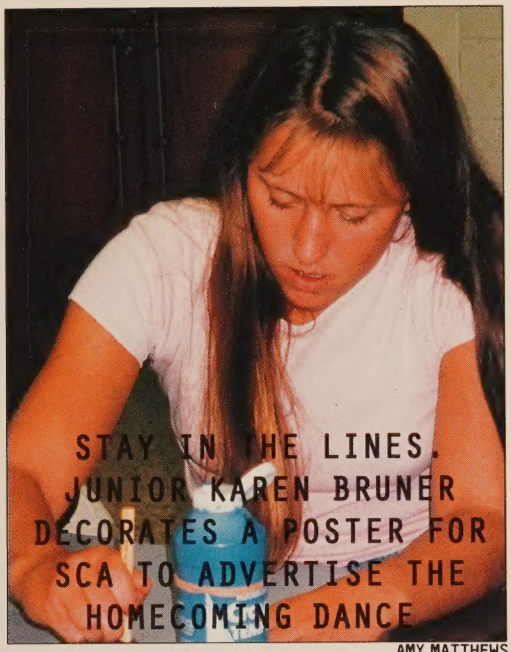
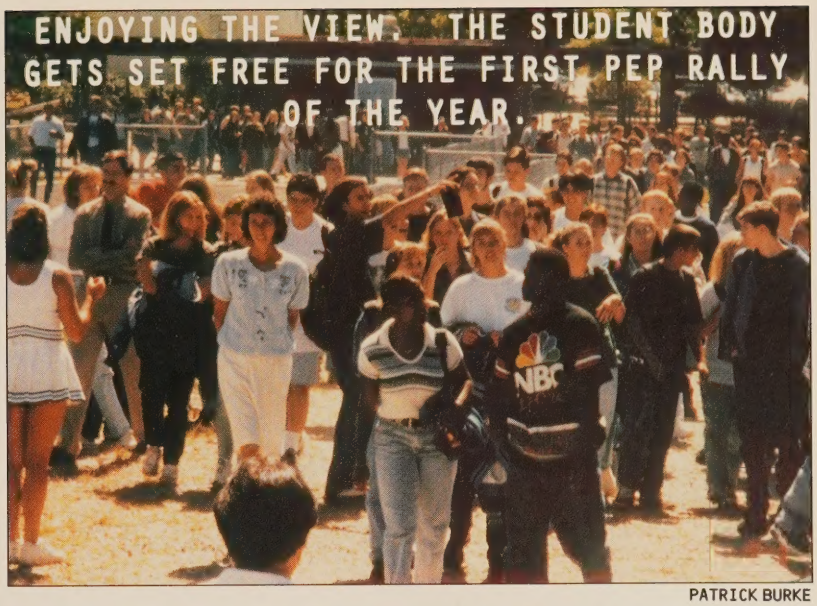


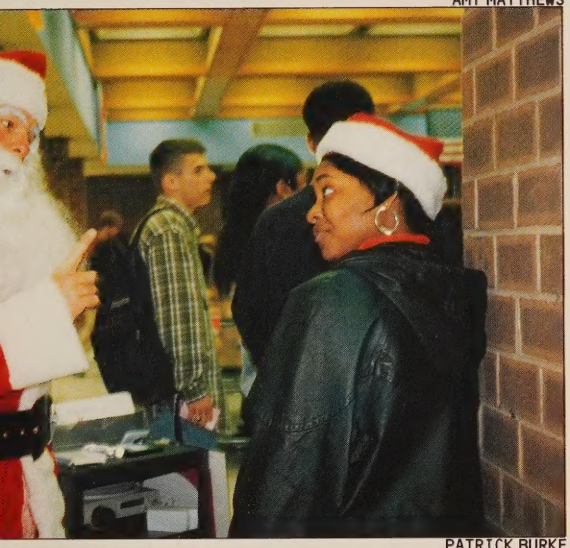
STAY IN THE LINES. JUNIOR KAREN BRUNER DECORATES A POSTER FOR SCA TO ADVERTISE THE HOMECOMING DANCE.

AMY MATTHEWS



ENJOYING THE VIEW. THE STUDENT BODY GETS SET FREE FOR THE FIRST PEP RALLY OF THE YEAR.

PATRICK BURKE



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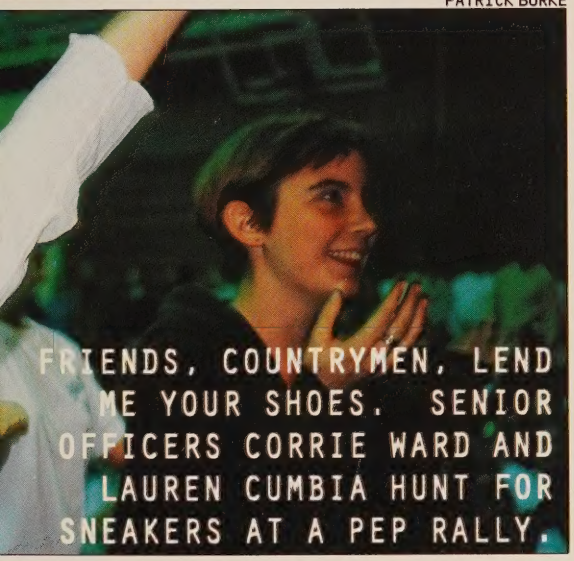


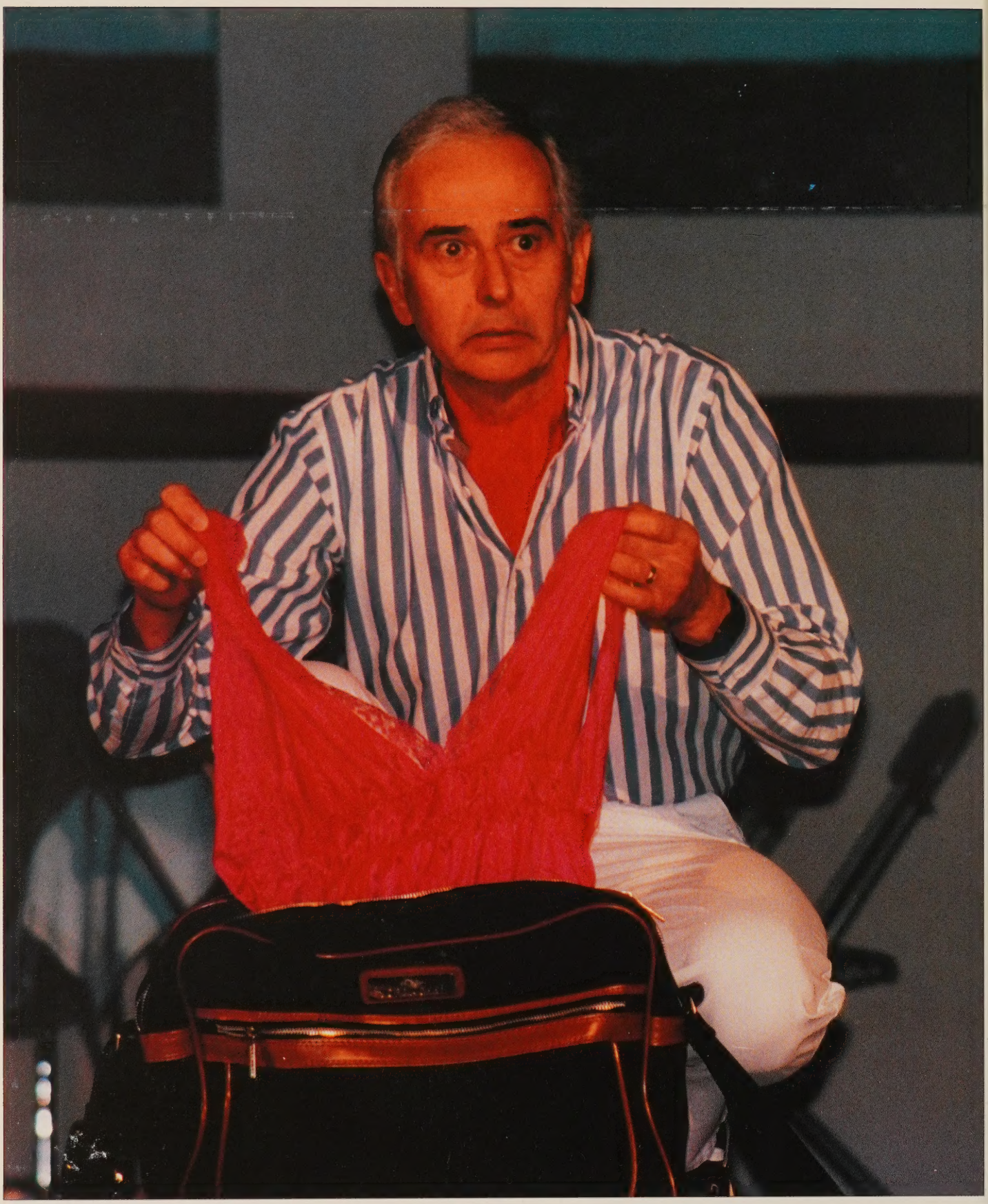
FRIENDS, COUNTRYMEN, LEND ME YOUR SHOES. SENIOR OFFICERS CORRIE WARD AND LAUREN CUMBIA HUNT FOR SNEAKERS AT A PEP RALLY.

...It is time to **REMEMBER**.

Smell the freshly cut grass on the football field. Hear the rain fall against the roof of your trailer. Watch someone else's car get trampled on by the marching band.

Life begins and ends here. From the first day of ninth grade, when you saw the frustration in a friend's eye as they tried to find their first period, until you slapped a sticker on the principal's gown at graduation.

You have surpassed goals. You have done the impossible and lived to tell about it. You have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. You have grown older. You have experienced loss and heartache. You have shed tears. You have given a smile. You have become the **BEST**. **the best of what's around.**



OUR TOWN • HOMECOMING DANCE • PROM • CRUISING • GRADUATION • THE BIG GAME

How's this for variety? Teacher Jerry Slosser gets the surprise of his life-

THESE ARE

time. "Who put this in my suitcase? It isn't even my size!" Slosser said.

THE DAYS

Slosser played the part of the M.C. for Cruising, the faculty talent show.

JOSEPH...DREAMCOAT • JOBS • SUMMER • SENIOR WEEK • BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

around the world in eighty days

what i did over my summer vacation.

edited by mike joosse

HANGING WITH THE BOYS. GOVERNOR GEORGE ALLEN TAKES TIME OUT TO SPEAK AT VIRGINIA BOYS' STATE LAST JUNE. SENIORS MARC TEMPLE (PICTURED), PATRICK BURKE, JOE MEHALKO, AND ALAN TRAMMELL ATTENDED THIS SESSION.

RELAXIN. JUNIORS KHALIAH WRENN AND CHAQUANNA JOHNSON ENJOY A STRESS-FREE STAY IN VIRGINIA BEACH.

Once students made it out of the parking lot jam on June 14, they had officially begun vacation season. Over the course of the summer, some students stayed home and worked while others traveled to exotic places.

Sophomore Kristin Clemens went to Atlanta. "It was easy to get caught up in the hubbub surrounding the Olympics," she said.

Junior Andrea Tetreault can talk about England. "You know you're in a foreign country when you have to pay to use the restroom." She found Stratford and Canterbury very peaceful.

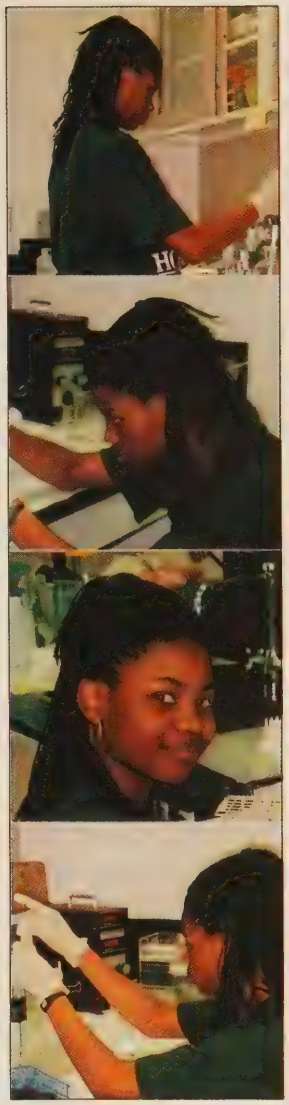
Junior Rachel Burnsed traveled to France as a nanny. "I got to see the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Louvre," she reported.

But maybe junior Carla Seamster had the strangest summer of all when she saw her math teacher at her resort. "I was so surprised to see her, of all places, in the Bahamas," she laughed.

"Summers are the only reason I look forward to school."

-KRISTEN MARSH

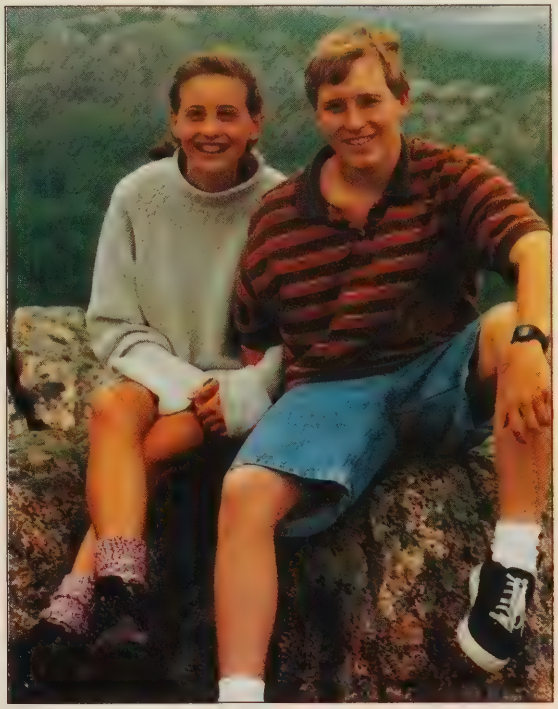
DON BEYER



NO JOKUN. SENIOR LANRE OMOJOKUN PREPARES FOR AN EXPERIMENT. SHE WORKED AT MCV OVER THE SUMMER.

REBECCA RANDALL

THE ACCIDENTAL TOURISTS. A BIRD DELEGATION TO SPAIN STOPS FOR PICTURES AT ZARAGOZA, A MOUNTAINTOP MONASTERY. TEACHERS MARTHA JOOSSE AND LINETTE MOLINA ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP OF FIVE STUDENTS.



OVER THE TOP. LAUREN BOGESE AND HER COUSIN ADAM CALDWELL REACH THE PEAK OF "BEEHIVE" IN ARCADIA NATIONAL PARK IN MAINE.

a tale of kings, queens, and floating castles.

riday night: the lights of the stadium overwhelm the students on the floats. Dancing, walking, waving, always smiling, and the crowd goes wild before the football game.

Saturday night: the music blares, the people dance, and the lights have just enough energy to project the mood. Everyone has one wish: to have fun.

This was Homecoming weekend. Whether staying at school all day Friday organizing the parade, or spending Saturday afternoon setting up for the dance, Homecoming involved many people.

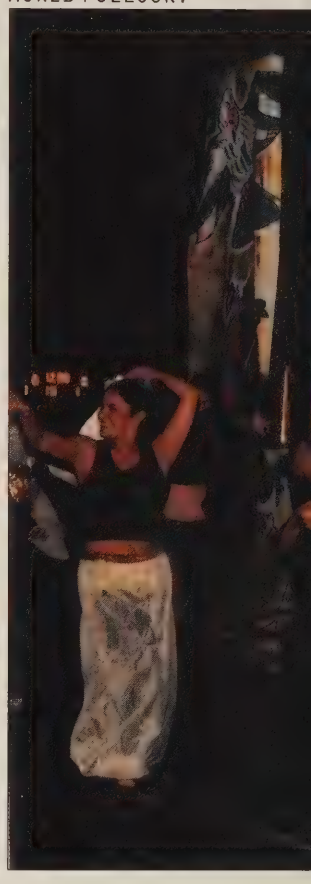
The parade's theme was "When You Wish Upon A Star," so many floats adopted a Disney theme. On the club side, TSA won first place and Latin Club took home second. For the classes, the seniors won first for their Aladdin theme and the freshmen won second with all participants wearing Disney costumes.

Saturday morning saw the SCA's decorating of the Commons. "We were hanging lights in the courtyard when we realized we had no tape, so I had to run home for duct tape," said junior Andrea Tetrault.

Meanwhile, hours later, the dance began sharply at 8:00 PM....

ANGELA HOWSMON

THEY WALK ALIKE, THEY TALK ALIKE. TEACHERS JENNY WYATT, DAVID POLLOCK, AND NORWOOD POWELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TWIN (TRIPLET) DAY DURING SPIRIT WEEK. "HOW COME I GET THE HEAVY END?" ASKED POLLOCK.



DAVID CALDWELL

FROM THE MOMENT I HEARD. SENIOR BECKY KIRKMAN (CENTER) REACTS TO HER CROWNING AS HOMECOMING QUEEN. "I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF 'I CAN'T WAIT TO GET OUT OF THIS SUIT.'"

DAVID CALDWELL

ALL DOLLED UP. HOMECOMING PRINCESSES MEGAN MURPHY, MARCY HARPER, LAUREN BOGESE, AND DENISHA CARTER GET THEIR PICTURES TAKEN BEFORE THE BIG EVENT.

TABATHA DAWSON

THE BIG NIGHT. JUNIOR LAKEISHA BOWSER, AND SENIOR STEPHANIE CHARLSON AT THE DANCE. "HOME-COMING WAS A VERY FUN HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE FOR ME," SAID CHARLSON.

DAVID CALDWELL

BEGINNER'S LUCK. THE CLASS OF 2000 FLOAT, FEATURING A CELEBRATION OF DISNEY CHARACTERS. "I WAS TINKERBELL ON THE FLOAT AND WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME. NOW MY NICKNAME IS 'TINKER'," SAID FRESHMAN COURTNEY PUSTER.

DAVID CALDWELL

EAT YOUR HEART OUT, SADDAM. THE SENIOR FLOAT DANCES DOWN THE TRACK DURING THE PARADE. PRESIDENT CORRIE WARD SAID, "I THINK THAT WE ALL HAD A BLAST DRESSING LIKE GYPSIES FOR ONE 'ARABIAN NIGHT'."

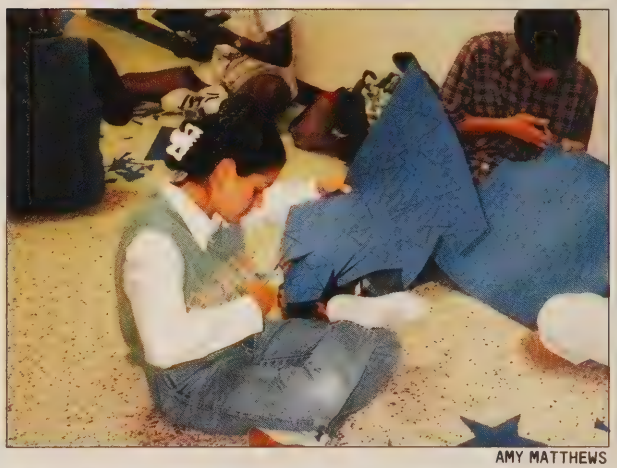
All dolled up, Part 2. Homecoming princesses Amy Matthews, Natasha Patton, Megan Gorman, Cameron Dixon, and Whitney Mick pose for the camera before the big event.

DAVID CALDWELL

Bless my lucky halftime show. Senior Brandi Weaver dressed as a southern belle and Larry Madison dressed as a southern gentleman for the band's opening piece, "Tennessee Waltz." "I don't have the words to describe the moment," said Weaver.

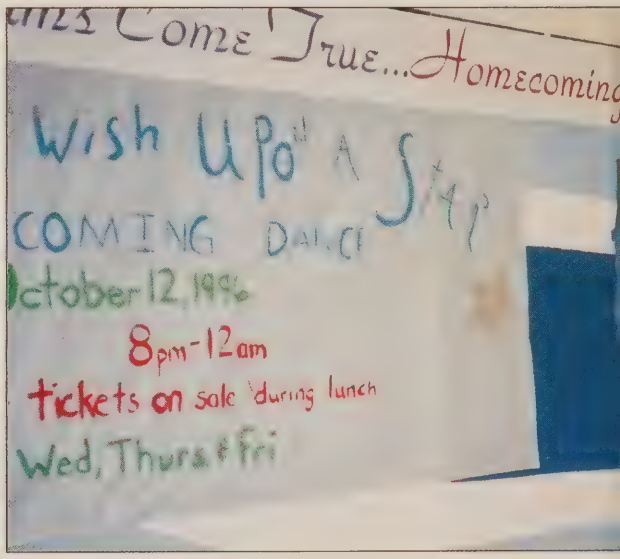
DAVID CALDWELL

Counting blue stars. Junior Laina Eckard cuts out patterns with the SCA to decorate the commons for the homecoming dance. "After hours of hard work, the overall appearance of the commons was truly rewarding," said Eckard.



AMY MATTHEWS

Watch and learn. Freshman Kelly Short studies the poster for the homecoming dance. "I only wish we weren't wearing our PJ's," she said.



PATRICK BURKE

VICTORY DANCE. HOMECOMING KING SCOTT WILLIAMS AND QUEEN BECKY KIRKMAN ENJOY THEIR CELEBRATORY DANCE. "IT MADE ME FEEL REAL GOOD TO KNOW THAT MY BEST FRIEND WAS MY QUEEN. BECKY SAID SHE WAS GLAD THAT I WAS HER KING," SAID WILLIAMS.

....And the slow dances commenced. "The moment I remember most was the first slow dance when he held me in his arms," recalled junior Amy Shearin of her date.

Even those who didn't have a date had a blast with those they knew best. "I had a blast being with my friends and there were a lot of laughs," commented junior Merrill Robertson.

In the end it was all worth it, with the attire picked out from endless hours of shopping and the participants on their way after endless hours of agonizing over who to ask. Soon, parents wanted one last picture and one last look into the mirror. And then it was off to the commons to "wish upon a star."

ERIN HUNDLEY

by jennifer wilson and mike joosse

on a ship of fools

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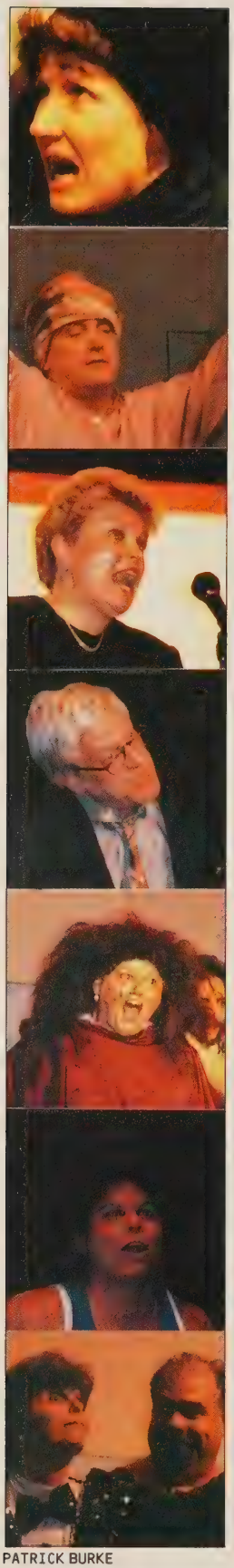


PATRICK BURKE

THE MANY FACES OF COMEDY. FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:
1. THE FUN LOVIN' CRIMINAL. STOWAWAY TERRY HATHAWAY GETS CAUGHT IN THE ACT.
2. I'VE CAST A SPELL ON YOU. SNAKE CHARMER WALT GILLIAM ENTRANCED BY BELLY DANCER LIBBY GOLDSMITH.
3. SING YOUR WAY TO SECURITY. SECURITY GUARD SIV ERIKSON MOONLIGHTS IN "J,S,&T = A BLENDING."
4. JOHN'S POETRY CORNER. BUZZ MINGUS, READER OF "SEMI-OBSCURE, SEMI-HUMOROUS POEMS."
5. THE SOUND AND THE FURY. SYLVIA BROOKS IN A HAPHAZARD PERFORMANCE OF *MACBETH*.
6. EXERCISE THE DEMONS. DAVID POLLOCK AS RICHARD SIMMONS GETS A LITTLE TOO EXCITED ABOUT HIS JOB.
7. TWO PRINCESSES. BALLERINAS SANDRA LEE AND JEFF LANGFORD FINISH THEIR PERFORMANCE IN "CLASSIC CHARMERS".

PATRICK BURKE

STRIKE A POSE. "BAD BOY" SCOTT TINGEN TAKES A PICTURE OF DIVA MARCY BEGLEY AND SECURITY GUARD (IMAGINE THAT!) EARL FISHER. "IT DOES NOT GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS," SAID FISHER.

LOVE CONQUERS ALL. LOUNGE SINGER JOHN FOEGE SERENADES JEFF LANGFORD. "I WAS SINGING TO MY PRETTY WOMAN," SAID FOEGE.

PATRICK BURKE

MACHO MEN? BEV PEARCE, JOAN GIPE, LYNN BOOTH, JOAN RIDOUT, LIBBY GOLDSMITH, AND HELEN WINN DOING THE YMCA. "THE VILLAGE PEOPLE NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE," SAID WINN.

the show proving teachers are people too

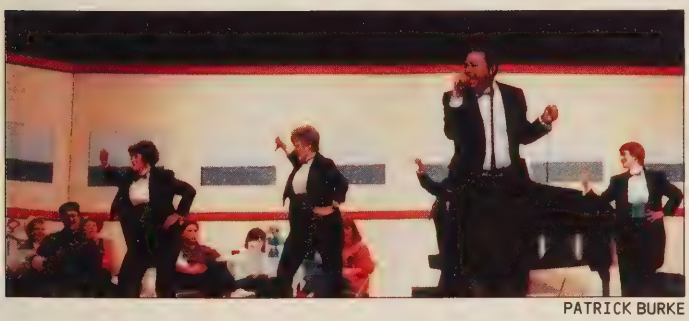
PATRICK BURKE

BACK IN THE HABIT. SISTERS SCHNEIDER, FURR, BOLTON, SMITH, HAWKES, AND PAULETTE MEDITATING ON THEIR PERFORMANCE. HAWKES SAID, "I HAD A LOT OF FUN DOING THIS PLAY, MAINLY BECAUSE I LIKE DOING SICK THINGS!"

PATRICK BURKE

"I hope no one recognizes me."

- LIBBY GOLDSMITH



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NOT WAYNE NEWTON. DR. JOHN BASKERVILLE AND HIS BASKETTES (BARBARA HEADLEY, MARY JANE SHURLDS, NANCY DEANE, AND ELLEN HARVEY). "IS THIS REALLY SHOW BUSINESS?" BASKERVILLE ASKED.

For the first time in six years, the faculty at Bird decided to go crazy once again in their February production of "Cruising," a variety show.

With acts ranging from two flautists to the Village People, from a hypnotist to a stranger-than-fiction whistling exercise, the faculty proved uncannily diverse. When the show's run ended on Feb. 13, some students had a difficult time picking their favorite act.

"I really enjoyed 'YMCA' because they got the whole audience involved," said senior Jessica Guthrie.

"My favorite part was when Mr. Pollock shouted, 'I'm a pony, I'm a pony!'," said Francesca Evola.

For the teachers, it was a chance to show their wild sides and give the audience their money's worth. "It is wonderful to get re-acquainted with old friends and make new ones," said director and former teacher Julian Porter.

Perhaps the tagline for "Cruising" should have been the comment from Ms. Keri Wormald: "Hey, we're just regular people!" But one thing was for sure: "Cruising" kept students laughing for months afterward.

FLOWER POWER. SARAH PRICE HOLDS A HOMEMADE ROSE IN THE PRODUCTION OF *THE MASQUE OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*. "IT WAS A REALLY WONDERFUL PRODUCTION AND THE ROSE WAS MADE BY THE TALENTED LAUREN BOGESE," PRICE SAID.

DAVID CALDWELL

KERI WORMALD

BO KNOWS *OUR TOWN*: "EVERY NIGHT I WANTED TO GET JENNY JACOBS TO GO UP THE LADDER BEFORE ME, BUT SHE SAID SHE HAD HEARD THAT TRICK BEFORE. WHAT CAN I SAY? I TRIED."

Countless rehearsals, costume changes, light adjustments, and make-up challenged the drama department, which presented *Our Town*, *The Masque of Beauty and the Beast*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. But starting at the beginning:

Our Town, directed by Keri Wormald, portrayed life in the small town of Grover's Corners. "Sensing my surroundings and interacting with characters that are in 'Emily''s life enabled me to get in touch with who my character really is, said Kristen Marsh, a junior. The cast consisted of members who worked closely together for three months. "This cast grew so close; there was so much potential that each ensemble member brought to the stage that brought Grover's Corners to life," said junior Sarah Rousseau.

Working on both *Our Town* and *The Masque of Beauty and the Beast*, junior Laura Basehore experienced direction to its fullest. Basehore said, "Being in both plays was hectic at times. Going from ultra-conservative Professor Willard to gaudy, pompous Dyspeppsia in *Beauty and the Beast* was a great experience.

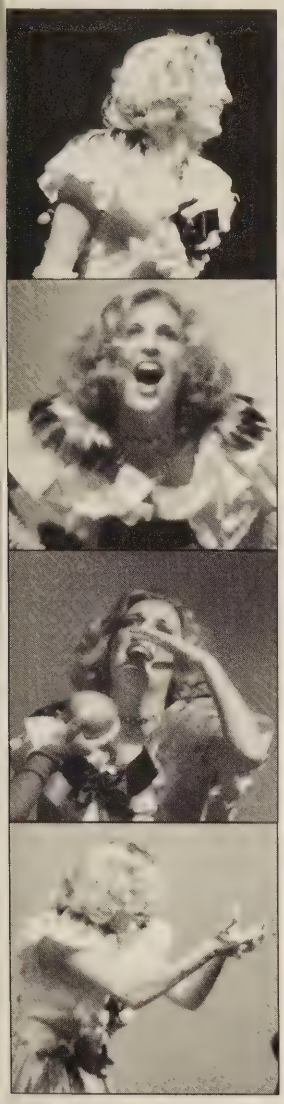
Meanwhile, *Beauty and the Beast* got underway....

DAVID CALDWELL

by tabatha dawson

passion pays off ten feet from the crowd

MANIC DEPRESSION? NOT HERE. JUNIOR LAURA BASEHORE IN DIFFERENT POSES AS DYSPEPPSIA IN THE PRODUCTION OF *THE MASQUE OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*.



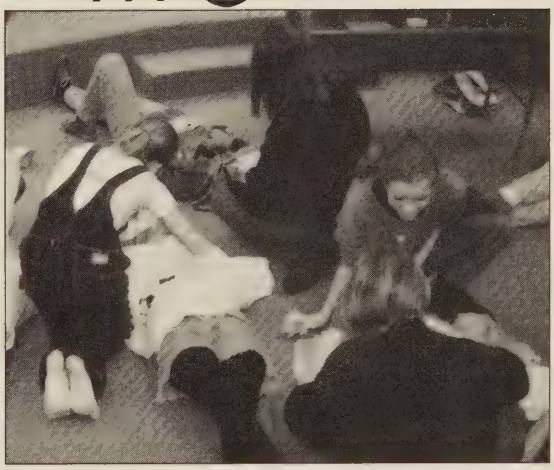
PATRICK BURKE

"All the world's a stage..."

EVERYBODY'S KUNG FU FIGHTING. JUNIOR ROBERT HORNBUCKLE GETS HIS PATH BLOCKED IN *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*. OF HIS PEFORMANCE, HORNBUCKLE SAID, "FOR SOME REASON, I JUST FELT TRAPPED IN THE PLAY. I DON'T KNOW WHY."

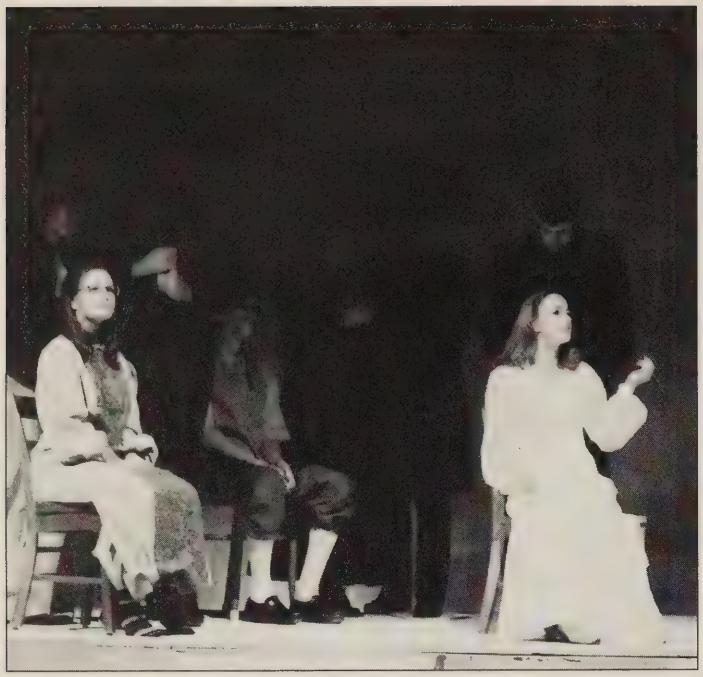
DAVID CALDWELL

see me
hear me
know me



SUCH A LOVELY WEDDING. SENIOR COURTNEY POLLARD GETS UPSET IN *OUR TOWN*. "IT WAS REALLY FUN TO MAKE A FOOL OF MYSELF IN FRONT OF ALL MY FRIENDS," SAID POLLARD.

THE MASQUE OF THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT. STUDENTS IN MRS. WORMALD'S DRAMA III CLASS EXPLORE CREATIVITY. "WE DON'T ONLY LEARN HOW TO ACT, WE LEARN HOW TO MAKE COSTUME PIECES," SAID SENIOR MEREDITH CALDWELL.



KERI WORMALD

MOURNING BECOMES HER. JUNIORS SARAH ROUSSEAU AND KRISTEN MARSH CONTEMPLATE THE MEANING OF LIFE IN *OUR TOWN*. "WE WERE SO EMOTIONALLY FRIED THAT THE SCENE JUST CAME NATURALLY TO US," SAID ROUSSEAU.

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? THE IKETTES - JUNIORS SHANNA LEEHY AND CANDICE HALISON AND SENIOR AMY MATTHEWS - ROCK OUT ON *JOSEPH*. "I'M PROUD TO HAVE PERFORMED FOR ONE OF THE LARGEST AUDIENCES EVER AT BIRD," SAID LEEHY.

STEVE EARLE

...Directed by Steve Earle, actors played with the concepts of enchantment, love, and vanity. "Playing a Grotesque was fun. We practiced contorting our bodies to set the mood for the play. It was awkward at first, but we all grew comfortable with each other," said junior Kelly Cahen.

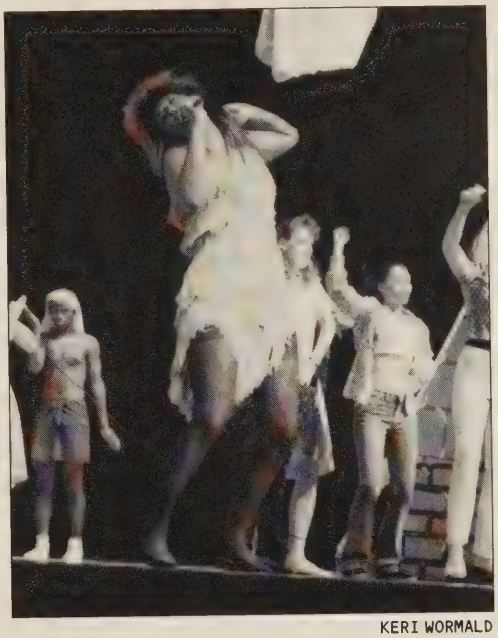
As *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* began its tedious rehearsal process, the Drama Club stayed busy by presenting the Talent Show on Friday, February 7. Hosted by senior Scott Williams and junior Derek Meyer, the presentation showcased a variety of musical acts and comical sketches. "Emceeing was great because the acts were all talented and the commercials were hilarious. It gave me a wonderful 'surge'...I mean purge," said Meyer.

All Theatre classes created the commercial mockery. "Participating in the commercials was a lot of fun because I love to make people laugh. It was also

TABATHA DAWSON

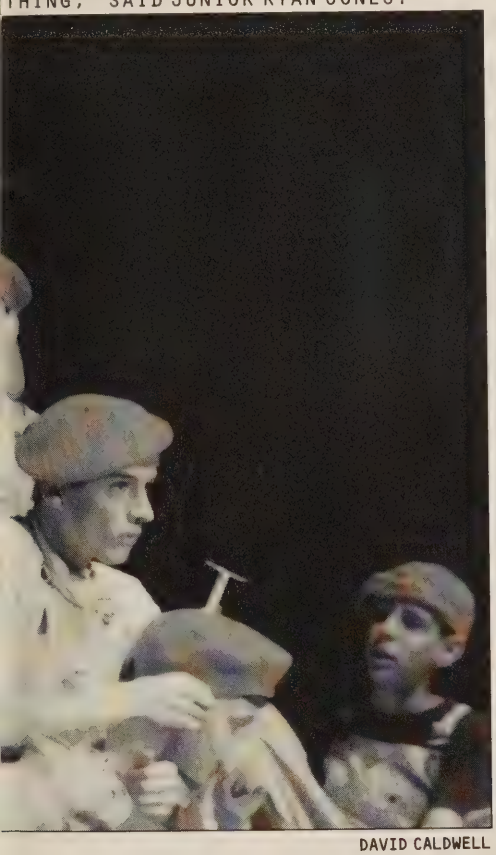
BACKSTAGE BLOOPERS. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: J.R. EVANS, MICHAEL MASON, HAYLIE LUM, AND MARC TEMPLE PREPARE FOR THE BIG FIRST NIGHT OF *JOSEPH*.

TINY DANCER. SENIOR TIWANA DAVIS AS THE QUEEN OF POP IN *JOSEPH*. "I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF THIS SONG. I ACTUALLY LOOKED LIKE TINA TURNER," SAID DAVIS.



KERI WORMALD

KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY. ELEVEN OF JOSEPH'S SONS GATHER FOR A SINGALONG. "ALL OF US WERE REALLY INTO THIS SCENE, AND WE EXAGGERATED EVERYTHING," SAID JUNIOR RYAN JONES.



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cool to work with the first-year students and remember how we all started out," said junior Cheryl Nelson.

The department introduced *Joseph and the Amazng Technicolor Dreamcoat* to record-breaking audiences on May 1 - May 3. Performing for over 1300 people was a thrill for returning lead Andy Tarantino. "We had great audiences all three nights," said Tarantino. "I've got to say that this has been the best production I've worked on and one of the closest casts I've worked with as well."

The Drama department finished the year with five unique productions: *Our Town*, *The Masque of Beauty and the Beast*, *The Love Doctor*, *The Course of True Love Never Did Run Smooth*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The department faces a greater challenge next year, seeing seven theatre classes and five production classes. With the performing talent and the recognition gained, this year made the department the biggest and best yet.

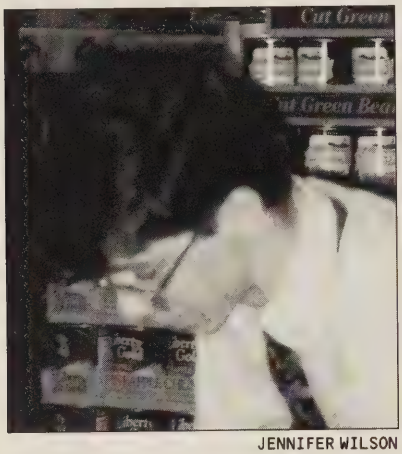
"...The people, merely players." - WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

When you get a job, do you use the money for: a) car insurance, b) gas, c) college, d) having fun, or e) all of the above?

This becomes one of the juggling acts that many students must face during the year. Which comes first - school or work? Which is better - money or time? And if one picks an after-school job, is it enjoyable?

For students who seek out and hold out-of-the-ordinary jobs, the answer to the last question is a resounding yes.

Junior Jennifer Greer works nights at Chester Cinemas on Route 301. "I usually do concessions and tickets," she said. "It's a pretty routine job, except one time while the movie Eraser was showing, some guy 'relieved himself' in the trashcan during the movie."



JENNIFER WILSON

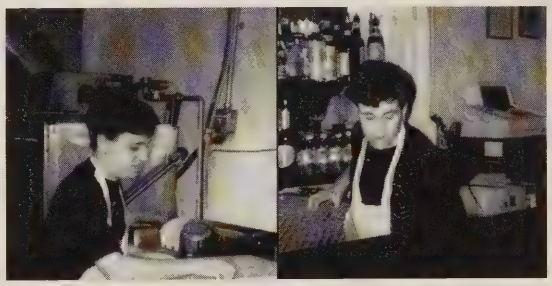
IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN. JUNIOR STEVEN LAVELLE-MINGUS STOCKS THE VEGETABLES AT HANNAFORD BROS. ON ROUTE 10. "I LIKE WORKING THERE BECAUSE OF THE GOOD PEOPLE," SAID LAVELLE-MINGUS.

Fellow junior Allison Law uses past achievements in her job: "I took gymnastics at Richmond Olympiad for nine years. I quit when I was fourteen and they asked me to work for them.

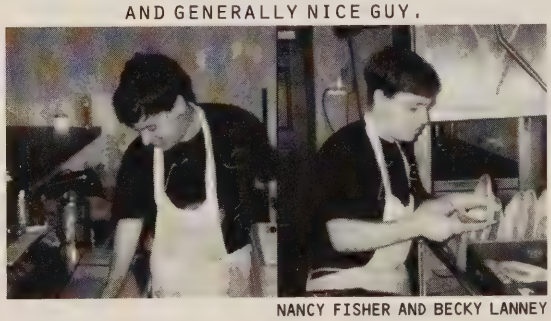
Daniel Nichols's job is a courtesy clerk at Food Lion. "Making money is the best part," said Nichols, a junior, "There's only one problem: people have the

"I'm always messing up people's orders."

- GWEN SENN



RELIEF FROM DISHPAN HANDS. JUNIOR PAUL MARETTI WORKS BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE PALM BEACH GRILL AS DISHWASHER, STOCKER, AND GENERALLY NICE GUY.



NANCY FISHER AND BECKY LANNEY

the "real" world

JENNIFER WILSON

IT'S WHAT'S FOR DINNER. JUNIOR NICK KRON PREPARES THE DAY'S FRESH MEAT AT HANNAFORD BROS. GROCERY STORE ON ROUTE 10. "IT'S A JOB - IT PAYS THE BILLS," SAID KRON. "THIS MAKES ME WISH I WAS A VEGETARIAN."

jobs make it for love nor money

edited by mike joosse

JENNIFER WILSON

CATCH OF THE DAY. SENIOR NATASHA WEAVER SCOOPS A FISH FOR A CUSTOMER AT PETWORLD IN CHESTERFIELD MEADOWS. "I LIKE TERRORIZING THE FISH," SAID WEAVER.

JENNIFER WILSON

FRIES ARE OPTIONAL. JUNIOR JAVONDA YATES SERVING A PATRON AT THE MCDONALD'S DRIVE-THRU. "WORKING AND GOING TO SCHOOL IS NOT EASY, BUT IT'S A JOB UNTIL I FINISH SCHOOL," SAID YATES.

tendency to be rude to teenagers working."

Perhaps the ultimate goal of a teenager working is to learn about what the future has in store for them. As junior Adrienne Carter states, "My job has taught me something about growing up. Before I got it, I wasn't serious. This job has shown me responsibility and taught me to get serious."

PROM IS FOR EVERYONE. TEACHER STEPHANIE ROPER AND HER SON ZACK ENJOY EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. "I TOOK ZACK BECAUSE HE'S MY MAIN MAN," SAID ROPER.

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SHEER ENERGY. THE LOCAL COVER BAND LEGGZ PROVIDED MUSIC FOR THE EVENING, THEIR FIRST BIRD PROM EVER.

brand new song and dance

"We gave the seniors a reason to remember prom..."

HEYYYYYY MACARENA! SENIORS HEATHER BALLARD, KELLY ATKINSON, AND LARRY MADISON BREAK IT DOWN. "EVEN THOUGH IT GRATES ON MY NERVES, EVERYONE KNOWS THE MACARENA," SAID BALLARD.

May 30. 5:00 - three hours before Prom, and Act One: The Photo Shoot commences. Couples everywhere gather on front yards for endless rounds of smiling and scrupulous looks from friends and family. After being saved from Mom and Dad, the mission to get to the Prom began.

This leads naturally into Act Two: The Dinner. Whether indescribable or inexpensive, dinner set the stage for the rest of the evening, and made for a memorable start. "My group went to Burger King; it was the most 'unique' dinner I had in

DAVID CALDWELL

by mike joosse and jacqueline kniska

LOVE POTION #9 STRIKES AGAIN. COUPLES CELEBRATE THE EVENING WITH A LITTLE SONG, A LITTLE DANCE, AND A LITTLE LOVE.

DAVID CALDWELL AND AMY MATTHEWS

PARTING GIFT SET. SENIOR NANCY GRAHAM WITH HER PRIZE PACKAGE FROM BATH AND BODY WORKS. GRAHAM SAID, "THIS WAS A COOL PRIZE FOR FREE; ALL I HAD TO DO WAS PARTICIPATE."

ERIN HUNDLEY

a long time," said junior Shanna Leehy.

The scene fades into Act Three: The Prom. 8:00, the Richmond Centre. Juniors selected the theme of "Above the Clouds" and created fairy tale-like scenery. The capstone of the evening comes with hard work, planning, and thought. But for some, well.... "We didn't even decide to go until three days before prom. You should have seen us...

what's black & white and twisting all over?

ERIN HUNDLEY

ANOTHER TOY FOR MY COLLECTION. JUNIOR ERIC PRINDES COLLECTS HIS PRIZE AT POST-PROM. "EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A LONG NIGHT, IN THE END, IT PAID OFF," SAID PRINDES.

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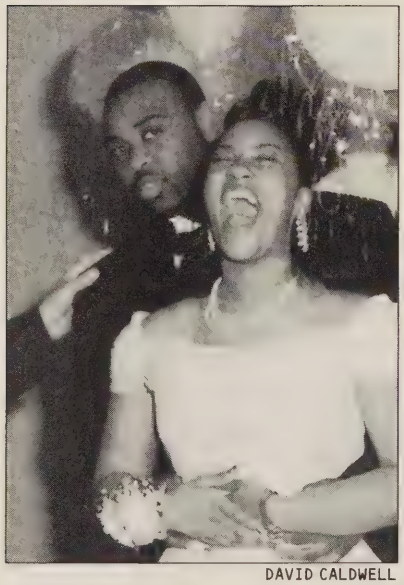
MAGIC MOMENTS. ANNIE AUNINS AND SHAUN EDENSTROM PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT THEY CAN DANCE TOO.



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CHEESE, NOT SNEEZE! JUNIOR ANDREA PORCHER AND HER DATE STOP FOR A PHOTO SHOOT. PORCHER SAID, "I HAD A GREAT TIME AND MY DATE WAS THE BEST!"

WHAT A RUSH. SENIOR JESSICA LITTLE IN PRE-BUNGEE RUN MODE. "THE BEST PART IS WHEN THE CORD SNAPS YOU BACK - YOU GO FLYING AND BOUNCE ON YOUR BACK," SAID LITTLE.

"...and the juniors a reason to come back next year."

DAVID CALDWELL

THE SCEPTER, THE CROWN, THE TITLE, THE NIGHT. PROM KING JASON JIGGETTS AND QUEEN MIESHA MCCORMICK BECOME TEMPORARY ROYALTY.

DANCING NANCIES. SENIORS CARRIE PULLANO AND MEGAN BAIN SHOW US HOW IT'S DONE.

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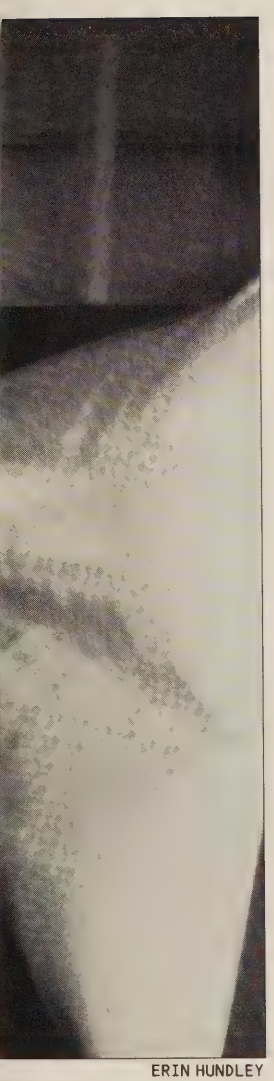

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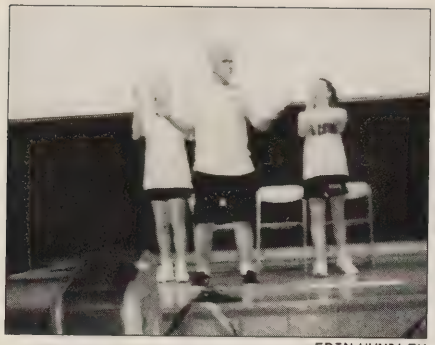
...trying to get it all together," recalled junior Holly Clark. The prom provided four hours of music, elegant dress, and most importantly, good times. This was especially true for the big winners of the evening, Jason Jiggetts and Miesha McCormick, who were named Prom King and Queen. Jiggetts jokingly said, "It's so much fun to be the most popular kid in school!"

So it was agreed that the night was a sensation, but it wasn't over yet. Act Four: The Post-Prom commenced at 12:30 at Robious Fitness Center in Midlothian. Lasting until 5:00 AM, the Post-Prom provided drug- and alcohol-free activities like the Bungee Run, sumo wrestling, perpetual Bingo, and many casino games. "I spent all night watching the sumo wrestlers because everyone looked so funny in them," said senior Anna Thysell.

After the door prizes were given out, the students went home to commence the Grand Finale: sleep. And of course, to relive the entire performance, all one needs to do is remember Prom 1997.

-HELEN WINN



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IT'S ME, IT'S ME! HILLARY SCOTT, ANDY BROWN, AND DEIDRE MURPHY PERFORM THEIR SKIT "CHEERLEADERS." "IT WAS OUR CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT WE THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS, AND IT WORKED," SAID SCOTT.

ERIN HUNDLEY

ALMOST TOO CUTE. SENIORS JOCELYN WOODWARD AND HAYLIE LUM GET ALL DOLLED UP FOR KID DAY DURING SENIOR WEEK. "JUST REMEMBER TO TAKE THE WRAPPER OFF," ADVISED LUM.

PATRICK BURKE

AND THE AWARD GOES TO.... FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTEES LANRE OMOJOKUN, COLIN WELLS, TIWANA DAVIS, AND GIDEON ELLIOT.

ISN'T THAT EMBARRASING: WE ALL WORE THE SAME THING. THE SENIOR CLASS AT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ASSEMBLY. PLEASE EXIT CALMLY USING THE AISLES.

by mike joosse

five days 'til freedom

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE WORLD GO ROUND. ALL SENIOR SUPERLATIVES GATHER ON STAGE TO COLLECT THEIR CERTIFICATES. AWARDS RANGED FROM "MOST LIKELY TO HOST A TALK SHOW" TO "MOST CHANGED SINCE 9TH GRADE."

DAVID CALDWELL

Monday. If you went to school, it was Mourning Day; if you didn't go, it was Senior Skip Day.

Tuesday. The Faculty Awards Assembly (Part 1). Teachers presented awards to students in every category imaginable, from Top Business Student to WBRD's Announcers of the Year. Also known as Kid Day, when students got to act like children, complete with milk and cookie time.

Wednesday. The Scholarship Assembly (Part 2). The community presented scholarships and awards ranging from Philip Morris to West Point. Also known as Takeover Day, when students commandeered the administration's and teachers' roles.

Thursday. Pass the Torch. The highlight of the week and the culmination of the Senior Officers' work. Activities included the annual Last Wills, skits, "The Ultimate Graduation," and the senior movie, all topped off with a picnic.

Sunday. Convocation. The speaker was Jeff Hogan, Sports Director for Channel 6.

And suddenly, graduation didn't seem so far away anymore.

"It was definitely a year of love." - CORRIE WARD

DAVID CALDWELL

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ALL THAT SHE CAN BE. SENIOR MEREDITH BYRNES, RECIPIENT OF THE MARINES' TOP SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD. "THIS REALLY IS A UNIQUE AWARD," SAID BYRNES.

picnics, slideshows, and the occasional memory.

Adedamola Adebayo	L.C. Bird PTSA
Kelly Atkinson	George Mason
Carolyn Basehore	ECU-Easley Art, United Methodist, Sapphony Ruritan
Jill Bates	Macy Scholar
Amy Bendall	Old Dominion Chapter, Professional Secretaries
Patrick Burke	Chester Masonic Lodge, DAR Award, SCA Service, Mildred Spencer
Shane Burnette	Dept. of Army Scholar/Athlete Award
Robin Byers	Beulah United Methodist
Meredith Byrnes	Dept. of Army Scholar/Athlete Award, Marine Corps/Athletic Excellence Award
Selena Carey	African-American Studies
Tina Chen	Ukrops
Bradford Conner	Holmes-Beulah United Methodist
Lisa Coward	Ethyl Corporation
Jessica David	FHA
Tiwana Davis	Jay Mallory, African-American Studies
Gideon Elliot	George E. Allen
Karen Espenschied	George E. Allen, Chesterfield Education Association, Chesterfield Cheerleader League Award
James Evans	Campbell University-Scott Ellis, I Dare You Leadership Award
Robert Faison	Pamplin Merit
Amy Fife	Mary Washington College Alumni
Holly Finley	Chesterfield Cheerleader League Award
Angela Frith	VCU, Deluxe Check Printers, American Legion (11th District)
Erica Godwin	Philip Morris
Nancy Graham	African-American Studies
G. Wesley Hitt	U.S. Military Academy West Point Appointment
Peter Hodge	Hallmark Award
Jason Jiggetts	Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award
Matthew Joosse	Ft. Lee Officers' Wives Club, Woodland Pond Garden Club
Michael Joosse	Chester AARP, Caroln S. Davidson
Jarrett Kamosky	Bon Secour Award
Wendy King	Meredith Endowment
Rebekah Kirkman	Gardner Webb University Athletic
Thomas Lee	L.C. Bird PTSA
Jessica Little	L.C. Bird Music Booster
Anthony Lively	Second Baptist Church
Sara Lowery	Bon Secour Award
Larry Madison	Kendall Bess
Amy Matthews	I Dare You Leadership Award Scholarship, SCA Service
Joseph Mehalko	Mary Washington College Alumni
Brian Muller	Bon Secour Award
Glenn Neely	Furman University Academic and Music
Megan Nunnally	Lettie Pate Whitehead and Academic
Solomon Ogunware	Kiwanis Club
Olanrewaju Omojokun	VCU Presidential, Delta Sigma Theta-Minerva Award for Academic Excellence, U.S. Ir Force Top Science Student Award
Adrian Pearce	Chester Civitan Award, Chesterfield County Youth Services Citizen Board Award, Beta Phi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa
Christina Plott	McGuire Circle Woman's Club National Art Honor Society, VCU Dean's
Courtney Pollard	Chesterfield County Council of PTA's Janet Alley, Delta Kappa Gamma-Beta Phi Chapter
Mary Repole	Midway College Merit and Athletic, Chesterfield Cruisers 4-H
Jessica Rudd	Daniel McLeod Smith, Sr. Memorial
Ryan Scott	Marine Corps/Semper Fi Award, Richard Bland President's Scholar Merit
Brian Simmons	Robert E. Lee Post 2239 of VFW
Jenika Simmons	National Art Honor Society
Elizabeth Smith	N.C. Wesleyan College Alumni
Brian Sutton	Bellwood Federal Credit Union-Cheryl-Ayn Stech/John Adams Memorial, Colonial Heights Moose Lodge 1783-Benton Payne Memorial
Anna Thysell	Friends of the Chester Library Award
Alan Trammell	Wake Forest University Nancy S. Reynolds, Horace Mann, National Merit, Phi Beta Kappa Award, American Legion Oratorical Contest, Marine Corpse/Scholastic Excellence Award, U.S. Air Force Top Math Student Award
Corrie Ward	Robert E. Lee Post 2239 of VFW, Delta Kappa Gamma, Randolph Macon College-Blackwell, Latin Honor Society
Brandi Weaver	Dupont Federal Fibers Credit Union-Ruby A. Robinson, Comm. Found.-Perry White, Faculty
Benjamin Welchel	Ukrops
Cary Wells	Daniel McLeod Smith, Sr. Memorial
Colin Wells	Glen R. Schrotenboer Memorial Football
Corey Whisnant	V.A. Union Scholarship for SAT's
Stephen White	ARC Bowling
Tabatha Wilson	Peace College Beard and Girls State Recognition Award, McDonald's Employee
Katherine Youell	Philip Morris

KATHIE HUNDLEY

by mike joosse

A THOUSAND WORDS, A THOUSAND EMOTIONS. THE SENIOR CLASS BECOMES THE FRESHMEN CLASS ON JUNE 13.

the end of the beginning

58 exams, four years, and many snow days later...

PATRICK BURKE

Long run, short shorts. Junior Sarah Greear finishes a two-mile run during

TO BE THE BEST

cross country season. "Although cross country is always hard work, the feeling you get as you cross the finish line is unbelievable," she said.

Snapping for Success

by stacie scott and sarah day

A common goal of the players in '96 was to excel and be crowned Dominion district champs. Junior Ryan Parnell said, "Our goal this year was to win the sixth straight district title, and that is all that matters. We accomplished our goal."

Varsity Football Record

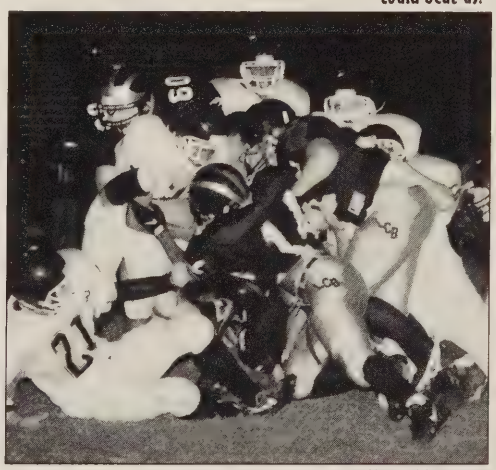
Garfield	6	16
Meadowbrook	25	13
Thomas Dale	0	47
James River	41	26
Clover Hill	14	6
George Wythe	38	0
Huguenot	7	20
Midlothian	31	0
Manchester	19	24
Monacan	28	20

For the first time in six years, the Skyhawks tied for the Dominion district title. Both Bird and Manchester finished with a record of 7-3. For such a "new" team, the Hawks had an excellent season.

"Although our record may not reflect it, I feel that we were a successful team. We dodged a different obstacle every week and passed on the tradition of winning at Bird with a sixth straight district title," said Junior safety Ray Mayberry. "I'll never forget the one that got away at Thomas Dale, and that interception at George Wythe. Remember, never give up."

Even though some seniors left the playing field this year feeling as if they could have had a better season, they will always feel like a part of the team. Senior defensive end Scott Williams laughed, "From my position, an offensive tackle is your property, you control him. When I play, I have in my mind that nobody can block me. I'm the best defensive end in the state and my opponent couldn't even carry my cleats."

"We excelled in teamwork and we stood together until the end," says senior center Colin Wells. Although the 1996 Skyhawk football team's record of 7-3 wasn't as flawless as it has been in years past, the Skyhawks were very team oriented and strived to be the very best.



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Let loose. Junior Warith Alkebu-lan breaks out of a tackle. Alkebu-lan said, "I am breaking out of tackles as usual, and Merril Robertson is blocking for me."

All for one! Sophomore Jerric Murphy said, "This year the J.V. team had no stand-out players, but when we worked as a team, no one could beat us."

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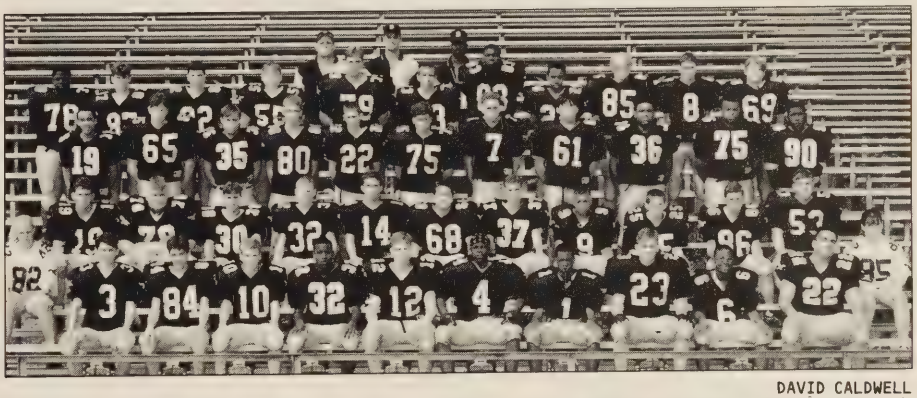
Varsity-Row 1: K. Fortune, Manager; M. Gorman, Manager; J. Senn, M. Niemaseck, B. Farris, M. Ellis, L. Spickerman, W. Alkebulan, J. Matthews, J. Gorman, D. Montejano, Manager. Row 2- N. Kron, A. Moore, T. Vaden, D. Atkins, W. Stocks, J. Hines, M. Poole, C. Willoughby, R. Mayberry, J. Snelling, B. West, Coach Gilliam. Row 3- Head Coach Ron Paquette, Coach Watters, J. Leatherwood, R. Zaremba, B. Shufford, S. Williams, D. Zirkle, K. Anderson, M. Robertson, M. Stevens, J. Rhodes, E. Hunter, J. Earley, Coach Bland. Row 4- E. Prindes, S. Hanna, R. Parnell, A. Brown, C. Wells, J. Murphy, C. Davis, K. Morgan, G. Gilliam, M. Watts, J. Lovern, J. Wysocki, D. Ritchey.



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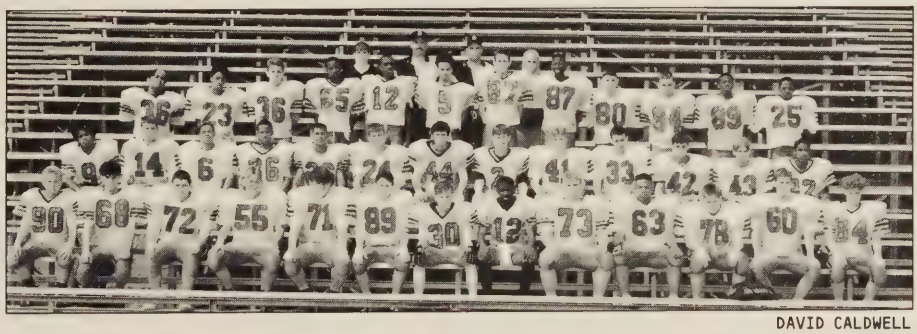
Junior Varsity- Row 1: P. Hawley, J. Morris, B. Cannon, S. Snelling, C. Farlow, S. Twyman, N. Hardin, J. Ruble, D. Johnson, H. Bronson. Row 2: Manager D. Hurler, J. Allen, D. Bradley, M. Pullano, J. Little, D. Shifflett, J. Wade, C. Long, D. Whirley, P.Stewart, D. Crostic, M. King, Manager E. Murrell. Row 3: A. Cheatham, A. Starnes, P. Cassada, B. Andrew, J. Carrington, C. Buchanan, J. Boyd, B. Bier, J. Robertson, R. Gilliam, T. Bowser. Row 4: J. Judson, S. Spaulding, C. Smith, J. Gardner, B. Turbeville, M. Lewis, T. Braxton, R. Stone, J. Pennington, N. Shelton, R. Field. Row 5: Coach S. Walton, Coach S. Sink, Coach E. Fisher.



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Freshmen Row 1: R. Crostic, G. Gohlke, R. Orfield, D. Green, D. Enright, J. Tibbs, C. Rosson, J. Miller , G. Capel, B. Wiggins, M. Marko, M. Milton, S. Flanagan. Row 2: S. Watts B. Burnette, T. Jiggetts, R. Waller, R. Fleming, J. Haddix, B. Vermilyea, T. Martin, T. Spencer, D. Bayford, D. Tedder, B. Tucker, J. Castro. Row 3: A. Bulandi, S. Robinson, J. McCrary, P. Bernier, C. Richards, R. Gregory, N.Taylor, J. Johnson, B. Barrett, P. McDowell, J. Hodge, J. Ogunbunmi. Row 4: Manager E. Murrell, Coach M. Murrell, Coach S. Journigan, Manager D. Hurler.

Going the Distance

by lynda guthmann

With a young group of fast-paced runners and the swift upperclassmen runners, the cross country team started off the season on a good foot. The practices went well and the guys' and girls' teams had a successful season.

"It was a great season. It was a very strong, young group of runners," said Coach Reed. Coach Miltenberger agreed. "The team did well, considering that we are in a competitive district and that we have a young team. We have lots of potential," she said.

	Guys	Girls
Monacan	22-33	15-50
CloverHill	29-26	32-23
Manchester	36-23	47-17
Huguenot	15-50	15-50
Midlothian	44-19	45-18
James River	45-18	45-17
Meadowbrook	15-48	18-41
Atlee		24-31

Cross country takes a lot of skill and strenuous hard work. "You have to maintain a good pace the whole way through the race. Everyone tried hard this season and we never gave up," according to Freshman Steven Lloyd.

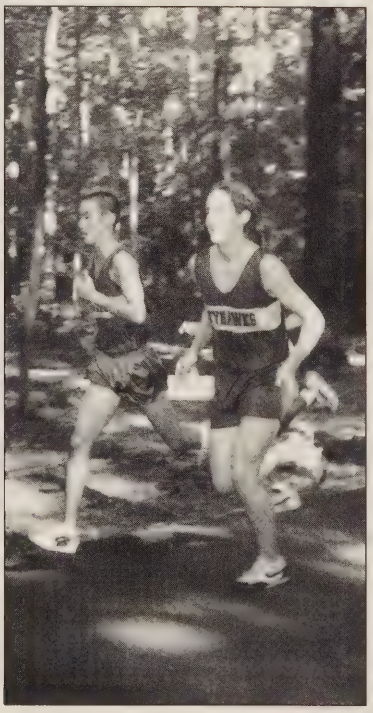
Freshman Colin Richards said, "I had to concentrate on the race and maintain my form when I ran."

Senior Wesley Hitt enjoyed running as well. "Running is a great sport because no matter how many people you race, you're always competing against yourself," he explained.

A memorable experience for a few of the team members was the meet at James River High School. Sophomore Stacie Kibiloski said, "The race was after it had rained all day. It was extremely muddy and a lot of people got hurt." Sophomore William Norfleet agreed with Kibiloski. "The James River meet was so muddy. Everyone was slipping and sliding all over the place. I fell three times," Norfleet said.

Several awards were given out at the end of the season. For the girls' team, MVP went to Sophomore Annie Gill and Freshman Ashley Matthews was named Most Improved. Senior Meredith Byrnes recieved Coach's Award.

For the guys' team, Senior Alan Trammell was named MVP. Trammell made All District, All District Academic, and All Regional. He qualified for the Virginia State Meet. Trammell also recieved the Richmond Times-Dispatch Scholar Athlete of the Month.



Keeping a steady pace. Junior Eric Berge is keeping company with Senior Thomas Lee at a meet. Berge said, "I enjoyed the physical part of running, meeting new people, and improving my time."

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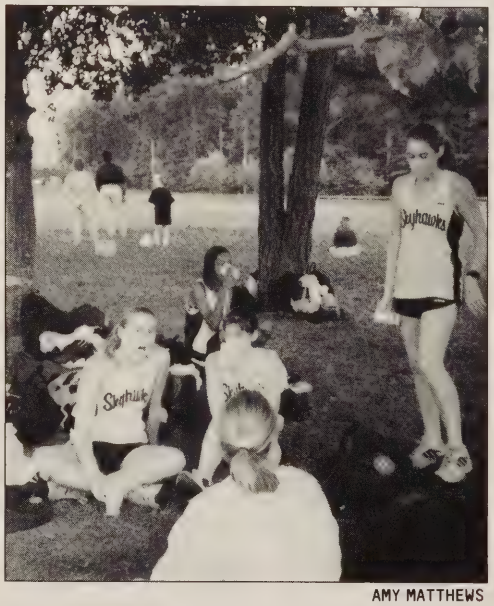


AMY MATTHEWS

Goofing around. After a meet, Sophomore Annie Gill is relaxing under the trees with fellow team members. Gill said, "Even after the long races we were always having fun."

PATRICK BURKE

Focused. Freshman Colin Richards said, "Running has character-building value."

Starting off with a bang. Senior Alan Trammell is keeping up the pace with his friend Alex Addison, from Clover Hill, at the beginning of the race at Pocahontas Park. Trammell remarked, "I knew that Alex and I would challenge each other, but I had no idea that we would run together for three miles. The race came down to the final sprint."

PATRICK BURKE

DAVID CALDWELL

Through the mud. Sophomore Stacie Kibiloski said, "It was really muddy that day, I was trying not to fall."

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Cross Country Team

First Row: Ashley Matthews, Kristin Smith, Stacie Kibiloski, Sarah Greear, Annie Gill, Brandi Weaver, Nickale Jones, Jessica Hammer, Kirsten Rousell Second Row: Monique McBride, Amber Ozmar, Steven Lloyd, Zachary Weaver, Michael Reardon, Nick Wittman, Jonathan Byrnes, Billy Barrett, Meredith Byrnes, Kathryn Harding, Manager Betsy Mitchell Third Row: Coach Reed, Thomas Lee, Matthew Joosse, Brandon Justice, Wesley Hitt, William Norfleet, Colin Richards, Eric Berge, Alan Trammell, Nicholas Sherman, Perry Shelton, Coach Miltenberger

Dashing to Victory

by lynda guthmann

"Indoor track is a close knit team and we all have friendships with one another. There are no individuals," explained senior Meredith Byrnes. The runners encouraged each other and got along well. Freshman Jessica Hammer exclaimed, "It was great being a freshman and having seniors cheering from the sidelines for you!"

Due to the team's closeness, they were able to pull together and come out of the season undefeated. "Until this year, nobody had respect for us. But this year proved that we are a force to be reckoned with," said Junior Michael Reardon.

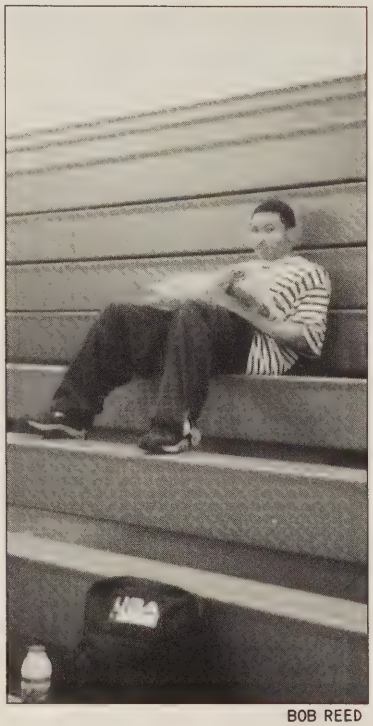
Dominion District Champions

Record 7-0

A memorable occasion was the 4 x 400 meter relay at Districts. Junior Mike Ellis described the tension saying, "The score stayed close throughout the whole meet, coming down to the last race. I was scared to death. I didn't want to let my team down. However, my teammates gave me a big enough lead to pull it out. As a result, the whole track team prevailed as champions." Coach Reed agreed saying, "That relay was the last event and would determine which team would win Districts. It was a very exciting race!"

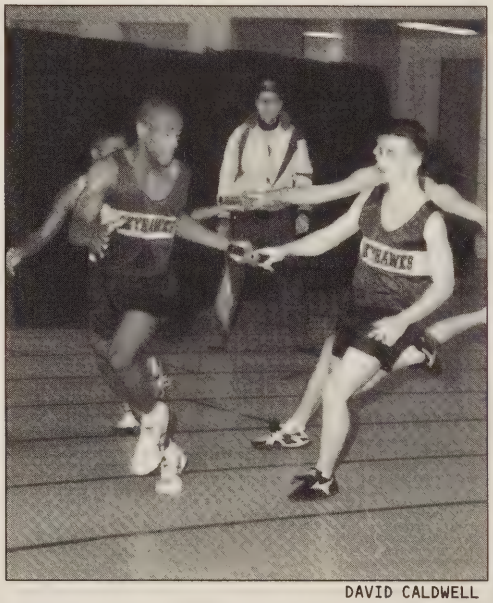
The season was a success with many records broken. Sophomore Tierra Williams smashed the previous record in the long jump 17'1.5". Junior Sarah Greear ran the 1000 meter in 3:12.9 minutes. Junior Anthony Moore slung the shot put 51'10.5". Junior Warith Alkebu-lan sprinted the 55 meter dash in 6.1 seconds. Ellis, Alkebu-lan, junior Shaun Hopkins, and sophomore Bobby Hottes completed the 4 x 200 meter relay in 1:37.8 minutes. In the sprint medley relay, freshman T.J. Snelling, Hopkins, Alkebu-lan, and Reardon broke the record with 3:56.1 minutes.

Sophomore Danielle Hoggard, Greear, Reardon, Moore, and Alkebu-lan qualified for the state meet. Moore was sixth in the shot put and Alkebu-lan was second in the 55 meter dash. Alkebu-lan attended the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Meet in Boston, Mass., placing eighth in the nation. Ellis received MVP for the boys' team and Williams recieved MVP for the girls' team.



BOB REED

Awaiting the big race. Junior Warith Akebu-lan hangs out in the bleachers at the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Meet in Boston, Massachusetts. Akebu-lan said, "I was chillin' as usual before the 60 meter dash at Nationals."



DAVID CALDWELL

Passing it off. Sophomore Robert Hottes rushes to Junior Mike Ellis with the baton. Hottes said, "I think track is fun because of my fellow teammates."

DAVID CALDWELL

Leaping. Junior Karen Bruner said, "Indoor track was fun and we were very successful."

DAVID CALDWELL

Stretching it home. Sophomore Tierra Williams races to the finish line at a meet at the Arthur Ashe Center. Williams said, "This meet taught me to never give up no matter what, and I look forward to next year."

DAVID CALDWELL

Finishing Up. Freshman Jessica Hammer said, "I never look back to what I've completed, but I always look ahead."

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Indoor Track

Row one: Danielle Hoggard, Laurie Hobeck, Meredith Byrnes, Sarah Greear, Jessica Hammer, Karen Bruner, Tierra Williams, Antoinette Grier. Row two: Sherwin Chapman, Wesley Hitt, Steven Lloyd, Robert Hottes, Michael Reardon, Shaun Hopkins, Shawn Holden, Paul Harris, William Norfleet. Row three: Thomas Lee, Billy Barrett, Matthew Joosse, Vernon Frampton, Brandon Justice, Nicholas Wittman, Matthew Lloyd, Warith Alkebu-lan, Manager-Amber Ozmar. Row four: Coach Bob Reed, Eric Berge, Todd Beaujon, Colin Richards, Michael Ellis, Anthony Moore, T.J. Snelling, Javon Miller.

Leaping to New Heights

by lyndaguthmann

Off to a fast start, the outdoor track team kept up the pace throughout the season. The team accumulated many wins and broke several records. Junior Shaun Hopkins summed it up as a year of adapting. He said, "With a new pool of talent coming up from the middle schools, a new season format, and the weight of a boys' indoor district championship on their shoulders, the track team quickly became acclamated to their new surroundings."

Coming in third in the Dominion District, the boys' season was awesome. Junior Sherwin Champan said, "We had a great season; probably the best!" Coach Reed concurred. He said, "Ninety- five percent of the team will be returning next year; we should be a contender for the number one spot in the district." Freshman Colin Richards said, "We did pretty good and I had lots of fun. I hope to improve within my high school career."

The girls' team was the runner-up for the District Championship. Coach Miltenberger said, "It was the best performance by the team in the past several years. They have great potential for years to come." Junior Kristin Smith said, "The success of the girls' team was a surprise. We practiced hard and had a great meet against James River and Midlothain." Sophomore Shelley Lichvar said, "My first track season was incredible! I made new friends and had tons of fun!"

	Boys	Girls
Clover Hill	66-66	79-49
Monacan	77-55	73-58
Manchester	72-67	47-84
George Wythe	91-41	112-70
Midlothian	84-48	79-52
James River	57-75	88-44
Huguenot	132-0	forfeit

Many runners went on to compete in the district and regional meet. The following girls participated in the district meet: sophomore Danielle Hoggard in the shot put, sophomore Shontrese Smith in the 100 hurdles, and the 4 x 100 relay team members. The relay consisted of senior Miesha McCormick, freshman Natasha Peyton, and sophomores Tierra Williams and S. Smith. For the guys' team, Hopkins ran the 100 meter dash,junior Anthony Moore competed in the shot put, and Junior Merrill Robertson was first place in the shot put and the discus. Also, Junior Mike Ellis was number one in the 300 hurdles. The boys' 4 x 800 relay team broke a new school record in a time of 8:22.5 at districts. The team members were seniors Alan Trammell and Thomas Lee, junior Mike Reardon, and Richards.

All of the guys who went to districts participated in the regional meet. Regional winners Ellis, Hopkins, Moore, and Robertson all qualified for the state meet. For the girls', Hoggard, Williams, and S. Smith placed in the meet. S. Smith broke records in both of her events, with 47.0 seconds in the 300 hurdles and 35'10.5" inches in the triple long jump. All three girls went to the state meet.

MVP was awarded to Williams and S. Smith for the girls' team and Ellis recieved MVP for the guys' team. The Coach's Award for the girls went to senior Meredith Byrnes, and Robertson and Lee were awarded the Coach's Award for the guys.

DAVID CALDWELL

Making the handoff. Junior Mike Reardon passes the baton to Senior Alan Trammell. About his teammates, Reardon said, "We had the chance to be the best 4 X 800 relay team Bird has ever seen!"

DAVID CALDWELL

Flying high. Sophomore Shontrese Smith jumps through the air in the long jump. In regard to the season, she said, "I have not run track since middle school, but with the support of my teammates we all did well and had fun!"

DAVID CALDWELL

Doing the final lap. Junior Sarah Greear said, "We all ran really well; we had a great season. We hope to do even better next year."

Don't let me fall! Junior Mike Ellis rushes over the hurdle for the first time in the 110 hurdles event. Scared to death, Ellis said, "I didn't have the hurdle form, but I managed to make it over all of them and finish second."

DAVID CALDWELL

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Chucking it to the sky. Junior Anthony Moore said "Things were sorta rough this season, but I made sure that I stayed on the right track and kept in top form."

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Outdoor Track: Row one: Tiffany Clair, Ikeisha McCAllister, Brandy Gardner, Shontrese Smith, Miesha McCormick, LaShonda Brown, Tierra Williams, Laurie Hobeck, Marnie Theis, Donna Pearce, Kristin Smith, Shelley Lichvar, Ashley Matthews, Betsy Mitchell, Stacie Kibiloski Row two Kip Nguygen, Corey Hitt, Wes Hitt, Todd Beaujon, Wura Ogunbunmi, Jennifer Doria, Sarah Greear, Meredith Byrnes, Nickale Jones, Danielle Hoggard, Caroline Ogunware, Lionel Knight, Troy Jiggetts, Bobby Hottes Row three- Manager Tonisha Harrison, Thomas Lee, Steven Lloyd, Matt Joosse, Colin Richards, Shaun Hopkins, Jeric Murphy, Anthony Moore, Warith Alke-bulan, Manager Ashley McLaurin, Manager Vicky Jones Row four- Coach Miltenberger, Coach Reed, Richard Lesley, Matt Lloyd, Mike Peterson, Brian Cannon, Jon Little, Eric Knight, Merril Robertson, Derek Grenner, Coach Watters Not pictured: Eric Berge, Jessica Hammer, Mike Reardon, and T.J. Snelling.

A FEW GOOD MEN

by brian kilgo

Willie Mays Hayes? Junior John Snelling steps to the plate. "I'm glad I got to contribute to the 1997 season, I can't wait to play again next year." said Snelling.

The Skyhawk baseball team competed with high intensity and fought hard to gain respect. This young team broke school records and won many district and regional awards. The loss of many seniors from last year required many younger players to have to step up and fill in the spots where they were needed. "It was a good season; I lost 11 players from the '96 team. We were very young and had an entirely new pitching staff. The experience we gained this year should put us back on top next year," said Coach Scott Preskitt. Junior Justin Gorman was voted MVP by the players, 1st team all-district, and 1st team all-region for utility player. Gorman broke a school batting average record with an average of .583. "The awards mean a lot to me and make me want to work harder," said Gorman. Senior Cary Wells also won awards for 1st team all-district and 2nd team all-region for shortstop. Senior Brian Muller was voted on by the coaches to receive the coach's award.

"This year's team wasn't as successful as the teams we have had in the past, but we had a lot of heart" said senior Jimmy Hines.

"Our record doesn't show the real talent of our team. Look for bright things in the future of Varsity Baseball," said senior Brian Little.

Varsity Baseball scores	
Bird-6	Monacan-7
Bird-2	James River-7
Bird-5	Matoaca-3
Bird-1	Turner Ashby-11
bird-17	Meadowbrook-6
Bird-9	Manchester-14
Bird-5	Midlothian-7
Bird-29	George Wythe-3
Bird-5	Clover Hill-9
Bird-3	Monacan-5
Bird-15	James River-5
Bird-7	Manchester-13
Bird-2	Midlothian-6
Bird-	George Wythe-
Bird-9	Meadowbrook-3
Bird-1	Meadowbrook-0
Bird-4	Clover Hill-17
Bird-14	Huguenot-2
Bird-11	Huguenot-3

DAVID CALDWELL

It could go all the way. Senior Cary Wells swings at the ball to see if he can add a homer to his stats. "It was a rebuilding year; we had a young team, but we progressed as the season went on."

DAVID CALDWELL

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Varsity Row one: Justin Gorman, Jimmy Hines, Marty Burnette, Cary Wells, Brian Little, Matt Poole, John Snelling. Row two: Coach Marshall, Amanda Baldwin, Manager; Lindsay Spencer, Manager; Jeremiah Osterbind, Justin Gorman, Steven Bazemore, Brian Muller, Ray Mayberry, Megan Gorman, Trainer. Row three: Chris Wray, Jeff Early, Steve Webb, Wayne Coleman, Ryan Parnell, Coach Walton, Coach Preskitt.

DAVID CALDWELL

J.V. Row one: Rusty Crostic, Dwayne Whirley, John Taylor, Donnie Field, Adam Geogoir, Zach Woodson. Row two: Evan Green, Justin McCrary, Cory Chatham, Nick Shelton, Tim Neville, Paul Cassada, Dusty Crostic, Mgr. Ashley Bennett. Row three: Coach Jason Conners, Troy Vaden, Jonathan Tingen, Brian Byars, Brock Butler, Adam Payne, Tony Martin, Brian Spain, Patrick Rogers, Coach Scott Tingen.

DAVID CALDWELL

The wizard. At shortstop, junior Justin Gorman makes the out on first base. "I feel that our team was better than what the record showed. We played as a team, not as individuals."

The Air Up There

by brian kilgo

Varsity Girls	
Thomas Dale	49-41
Huguenot	37-41
Meadowbrook	53-42
Meadowbrook	45-36
Midlothian	28-56
Hopewell	58-37
Manchester	39-46
Hopewell	44-40
Monacan	29-37
James River	28-60
George Wythe	47-17
Clover Hill	31-43
Huguenot	45-53
Manchester	48-56
Midlothian	48-62
Monacan	46-40
James River	35-46
George Wythe	61-24
Thomas Dale	51-57
Clover Hill	43-41

With dunks, passes, teamwork, smart choices, defense, and buzzer-beaters, the boys varsity basketball team ran the floor better than any other team in Bird's last ten years. Bird advanced to the regional playoffs for the first time in ten years, coached by Tommie Sides. "The reason we had so much success was because of the senior leadership," said Sides.

"This was a good year for us as a team. We finally made it to the Regional Tournament again. This gives me a great sense of accomplishment and the experience is one I will cherish forever," said senior (MVP) point guard Shane Burnette.

Jermaine Reed, a senior guard, said, "A memorable moment for me was beating Hopewell at Hopewell, the team ranked number two in the state." Reed was named Best Defensive Player.

Junior Jay Rhoades was also named MVP. "Even though we didn't have a year like we expected, we still managed to come out on top," said Rhoades. "I'm very excited about next year". Most Improved Player Merrill Robertson said, "We had a good year, thanks to my teammates. Maybe next year more fans will come to the games."

The Lady Skyhawks were on a roll also. With five underclassmen, the team beat the second, third, and fourth ranked teams in the Central District.

DAVID CALDWELL

Racking up. Senior Jermaine Reed passes the ball. "I felt we had a good season and played team ball which allowed us to beat good teams," said Reed.

Get Up. Sophomore Shontrese Smith blows by the defenders to finish the job. "We're a young team. People do not expect much from us, but we'll blow everyone's mind who doubted us. Just give us a chance," said Smith.

DAVID CALDWELL

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Boy's Varsity Basketball Row one: Sean Irvin, Rodney Coleman, Corey Whisnant, Colin Pendell, Ceasar Davis, Qunicy Jones, Keith Hoggard. Row two: Coach Mike Chaney, Jay Rhodes, Merril Robertson, Shane Burnette, Chris Moss, Head Coach Tommie Sides, Isaac McCallister, Jason Jiggetts, Jermaine Brody, Jermaine Reed, Coach Randy Cave.

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Girls Basketball Row one: Lashanda Brown, Crystal Johnson, Chaquanna Johnson, Shontrese Smith, Adrienne Carter, Shelby Ray. Row two: Coach Kelly McMillan, Head Coach Chuck Tester, Alycia Leake, Melissa Thurston, Danielle Hoggard, Ginny Grisham, Holly Inge, Coach E.G. Staton.

Above the Rim

by brian kilgo

Varsity Boys	
Meadowbrook	75-53
Huguenot	96-98
Thomas Dale	72-60
Meadowbrook	97-76
Thomas Dale	77-50
Manchester	84-76
Midlothian	72-57
Hopewell	57-68
Charles City	69-39
Matoaca	67-52
Monacan	57-62
James River	61-59
George Wythe	57-61
Clover Hill	85-62
Huguenot	83-78
Manchester	81-90
Midlothian	76-72
Monacan	66-67
James River	62-64
George Wythe	70-67
Clover Hill	64-56

The ladies finished 9-11; 6th place in the district. Sophomore Shontrese Smith (MVP-offense) led the district in scoring and Junior C.J. Johnson (MVP-defense) led the district in rebounding. "I believe that this season was a learning process for us. We had to get used to each other and work as a team." Coach Chuck Tester has coached girls' and boys' basketball for 35 years. "For as young as the girls are, we did great. Next year we'll be a lot better," said Tester.

The boys' junior varsity team finished with a record of 10-10 in a season packed with practice and fun. Coach Randy Cave comments on an unusual statistic that doesn't happen every year: "Great season, all players got to play in every game."

This well-rounded team faced many challenges in this 96-97 season. The highest scoring game in the last 12 years of the boys J.V. basket-ball history was obtained. The Skyhawks beat Manchester 99-98; one of the outstanding victories. The whole team's mood is summarized by Jonathan Banks. "Once I step on the court I breathe basketball. I see basketball, and I hear basketball. Then I say to myself, either play now or never, because there are no second chances."

The girls' J.V. team played outstanding ball this season also. With all but one player in the 9th grade, the team finished 12-6. The lady skyhawks beat every team in the league at least once and had three girls score over 100 points for the season. "I felt my three top scorers were all MVP's Jill Worsham, Tasha Peyton, and Cherie Andrews. Cherie's shotblocking, Tasha's jump shots-in transition, and Jill's 3 point shooting were excellent," said Junior Varsity Coach Jim Birmingham.

DAVID CALDWELL

Peace Out. Freshman Kristen Thomasson blows by Huguenot to drive to the hole. "Please don't let me get trapped in the middle with all these people," says Thomasson.

Mad ups. Jumping to put the ball in the hoop, the look in Larry Bailey's eyes says he wants to dunk. "Gravity is an obstacle, but I overcome it every time I step on the court," says Sophomore Bailey.

DAVID CALDWELL

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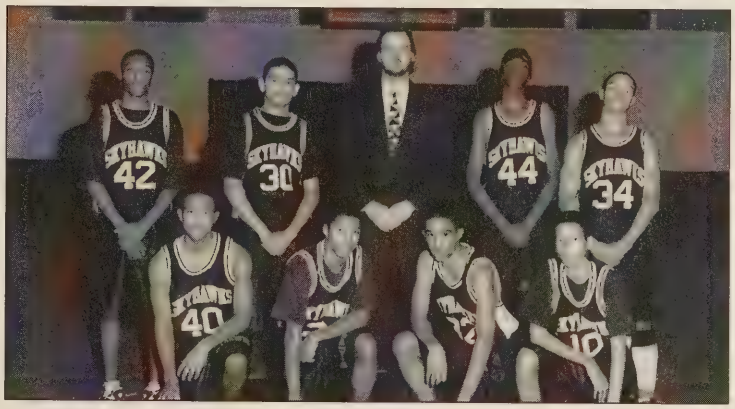
Girls' J.V. Row one: Kristen Thomasson, Jill Worsham, Vikki Jones, Whitney Hodges, Sybil Jamison. Row two: Coach Kelly McMillan, Manager Zakiyya Donovan, Angela Spade, Sherri Andrews, Christien Hoggard, Ikeisha McAllister, Mary Tolbert, Coach Jim Birmingham.

DAVID CALDWELL

Boys' J.V. Row one: Larry Bailey, Jonathan Banks, Shimary Twayan, Tim Neville. Row two: Coach Mike Chaney, Stephen Knight, Shawn White, Dan Zirkle, Freddie Johnson, Coach Randy Cave.



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Freshman Boys Row one: Eric Jones, Louis Pleasant, Grayson Smith, Mark McRut. Row two: Colin Richards, Arturo Mendez, Coach Mike Chaney, John Farlow, Troy Jiggetts.

So happy together

by stacie scott

Two points more. Derek Shelburne said, "My team was great; I like to shoot."

Medford League Season Record

1-6

With a team consisting of many experienced players, the 96-97 Skyhawks soared. The coaches' most valuable player award went to center Tyreen Garner, who in the Highland Springs game slam dunked to score off of a rebound. Coach Garner said, "We couldn't believe our eyes, we thought it was Shaq out there!" That wasn't the end, however, of the proud coaches' bragging. Derek Shelburne was in the spotlight too. Coach Ferguson said, "Derek has learned to be a part of a team. He used to be clueless running up and down the court. He was very crowd-oriented, stopping to wave at fans. He has learned real skills and has great natural athletic ability."

Junior Paul Marretti said, "I'm glad I play for Bird because we are a real team. I will be sad about leaving the team when I graduate next year." Togetherness seemed to be very important to the players. Captain Paul Hazle said, "I like basketball and my team is great." No team could sum up the definition of the word teamwork quite like the 'Hawks did this season.

Shoot through the hoop. Captain Paul Hazle said," I was holding the ball, shooting to score."

SHANNON FERGUSON

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DAVID CALDWELL

Swoosh.
The Skyhawks eagerly await the result of the shot in the all-time favorite game; Bird vs. Highland Springs.

SHANNON FERGUSON

Medford League Basketball Row one: Derek Shelburne, Allen Barber, Mark Powell, Jason Fenton, Ed Rose, Lacotta Edge, Wesly Parham. Row two: Ms. Garner, Paul Hazle, Frank Dunford, Ken Holloway, Tyrine Garner, Clifford Hardy, Rodney Remacle, Jeff Kinghorn, Paul Marretti, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Lindsay. Not pictured: Neil Webster.

Excited. The girls cheer at the sideline. Coach Haltom said, "I was taking advantage of my nap time."

EXCEPTIONAL IN MORE THAN ONE WAY

by stacie scott

PROUD AND EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY DID, THE Z.T. MEDFORD CHEERLEADERS ROARED ABOVE THE CROWD. THE GIRLS WORKED SO HARD THAT BY THE END OF THE WINTER BASKETBALL SEASON THEY REALLY KNEW THEIR STUFF! COACH KALMAN SAID, "THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON FOR THE COACHES WAS WHEN THE GIRLS WERE CALLING THEIR OWN CHEERS AND REALLY TAKING CHARGE OF THEIR SQUAD. WE GOT TO KICK BACK AND ENJOY."

AS USUAL, THE BASKETBALL TEAM WAS AN EXCITING ONE TO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SUPPORTING. ANGIE STRANG SAID, "OUR TEAM, THE SKYHAWKS, PLAYED BASKETBALL GOOD." MORE THAN JUST GOOD BASKETBALL KEPT THE ATTENTION OF THESE CHEERLEADERS. A FEW HAVE BOYFRIENDS THAT PLAY. "MY FAVORITE GAME THIS YEAR WAS AGAINST TUCKER. MY BOYFRIEND PLAYS FOR THEM SO WE CHEERED HARD BECAUSE I REALLY WANTED US TO BEAT THEM," SAID ROXANNA RONQUILLO. RANAE EBERLE SAID, " I LIKE WATCHING MY BOYFRIEND, CLIFFORD HARDY, PLAY BASKETBALL FOR BIRD."

THE TOP THREE FAVORITE CHEERS WERE, "WE'VE GOT SPIRIT", "GET THAT BALL AND GO!", AND "FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT". THE NUMBER ONE FAVORITE GAME WAS BIRD VERSUS HIGHLAND SPRINGS. "THE GIRLS GOT A STANDING OVATION FOR THEIR HELLO CHEER AT HIGHLAND SPRINGS," SAID COACH KALMAN. THE 96-97 MEDFORD LEAGUE CHEERLEADERS DESERVE THEIR VERY OWN ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL...CHEERED!

Coach knows best. Angie Strang and Danyell Dotson Show spirit during their hello cheer while Coach Haltom leads the cheer at the side line.

DAVID CALDWELL

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Z.T. Medford League Cheerleaders Row one: Danyell Dotson, Ashley Keefe, Beth Henry. Row two: Coach Haltom, Coach Kalman, Angie Strang, Ranae Eberle, Ashley Graham, Roxanna Ronquillo, Litonya McKibbens, Coach Harris.

PATRICK BURKE

a school for a man or a woman

COMPETITIVE EDGE

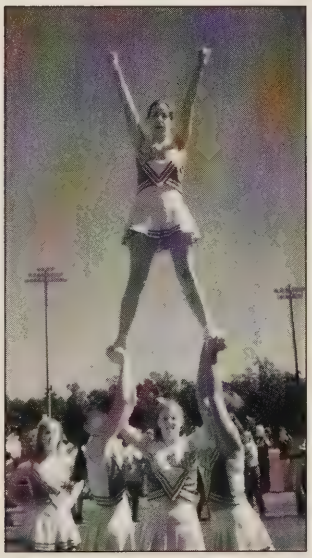
by stacie lynn scott

Cheerleading, now officially considered a sport by the Virginia High School League (VHSL), has come a long way in the past few years. When Many people think of cheerleading, they think of girls in skirts jumping around at football and basketball games. Now, however, there is so much more to the sport. Cheering has become very competitive. stunting, tumbling, dancing, cheer style, difficulty, and the execution of all these elements is very important in competitive cheering. For the past four years, VHSL has held a district competition (Bird participates in the Dominion district), and for the past two years, there has been a regional competition (Bird is included in the Central region), and this year, the first annual VHSL State Cheer Championship was held.

The Skyhawk Cheerleaders placed second at The Dominion District competition, held at Manchester High School, which made the squad eligible for regionals. At the Central region competition, also held at Manchester, the girls came in fourth which advanced them to the final competition, states, which was held at Woodside High School. Captain Brooke Craze said, " We spent many long practices preparing for states; just qualifying for states was rewarding after so much time and effort before districts and regionals." According to Holly Finley, "The hours of practice were long and hard, but through it all, I improved personally. Spending the time with the squad and getting to know everyone better was important to me as a senior."

The season wasn't all about competition and practice. Cheering for football and basketball is a tradition that goes way back. "My first year for Bird was exciting. I enjoyed cheering for all sports" said Heather Hile, a freshman on the Junior Varsity squad. The basketball team played better overall this year than they have in 10 years and because of that, they advanced to the regional championship, a huge turnaround from years past." Cheering for basketball this year was great because the games were usually very close and always action packed" said captain, Jessica Rudd. Overall, the 1996-1997 L.C. Bird Skyhawk cheerleaders enjoyed a successful season. Sarah Lavinus said, " The help of our coaches, Ms. Wiz and Clark, and the teamwork put forth by each and every cheerleader makes me very proud to be a part of such an excellent organization!"

A step above the rest. Jennifer Jones is being held in a full extention. One of her bases, Carla Seamster said, "We do it the safest way!"



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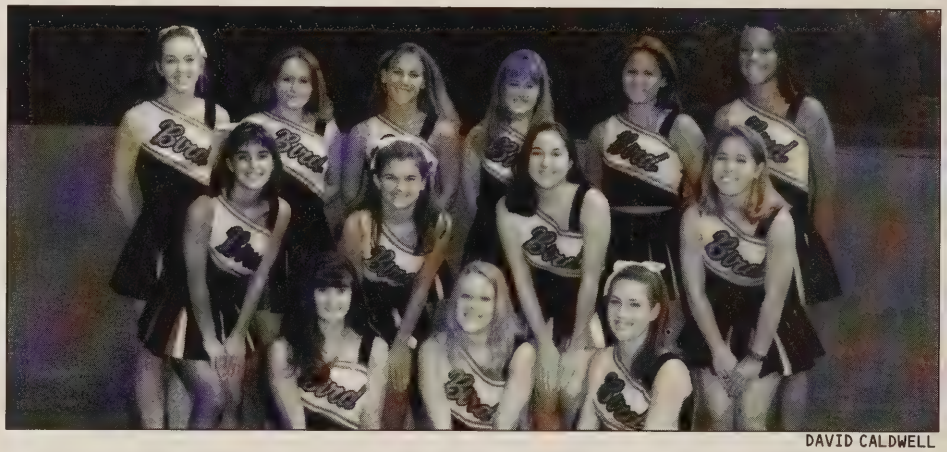

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Row one : Holly Finley, Brooke Craze; Captain, Jessica Rudd; Captain. Row two: Nancy Carramucci, Shannelle Lord, Julie Cash, Stacie Scott. Row three: Kim Rudd, Sarah Lavinus, Lisa Cobaugh, Karen Smiley, Carla Seamster, Khaliah Wrenn. Not Pictured: Robin Byers; Captain, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Phillips.

Girls, just wanna have fun! The whole crew, J.V. and Varsity gather at a football game to cheese it up for the camera.

DAVID CALDWELL

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Two for one. Sophomore Cameron Dixon said, "Participating in both marching band and cheering was exhausting but in the end it was all worth it!"

DAVID CALDWELL

Junior varsity Row one: Robin Bell; Captain, Khilia Graves; Captain, Michelle Taylor; Captain. Row two: Megan Murphy, Candace Cobbs, Alexis Chisholm, Heather Taylor, Debbie Carrington. Row three: Cameron Dixon. Row four: Wendy Veneable, Tammy Williams, Jennifer Terrell, Christina Randall, Heather Hile, Nicole Owen, Crystal Hicks.

Sticking with it

by lynda guthmann

Field hockey started off the season with new coaches and players. It was like a new experience for the whole team. Senior Laurie Hobeck said, "We really had to learn how to work together as a team because the coaches were basically learning along with us at times."

Season Record

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Fortunately, the whole team got along wonderfully. Senior Tennille Chisholm expressed, "I was unsure of how this year would turn out since we had new coaches. However, as the season went on, friendships bloomed everywhere."

The girls were tough and played their best during the season. Even though they did not win any games, the girls felt that the season was very successful. Senior Barbara Stells said, "We had a lot of individual accomplishments. We were tough and we always walked off the field with bruises, bloody knees, and covered in dirt. We fought hard. It was frustrating to lose, but we stuck together." Shelly Lichvar, a sophomore, believed the same thing. Lichvar said, "I felt this year was very successful. My most memorable moment is when the team went into double overtime. That was when all of us pulled together and played as a team." Junior Karen Bruner said, "Even though we weren't a winning team, at times we got down and dirty and could play with the best of them."

Best All-Around went to senior Wendy King. The MVP for offense was awarded to senior Whitney Mick. Senior Tracie Hedwall recieved the MVP award for defense.

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Receiving end. In regards to the season, Senior Tennille Chisholm said, "We may not have been successful in the score books, but as a team, I think that we were very successful. Our team spirit got stronger as the score we lost by got smaller," Chisholm said.

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Regaining control. Senior Laurie Hobeck said, "The most memorable time of the season was when we finally got it together and scored a point. The crowd went wild."

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Driving forward. Junior Holly Clark said, "...hard times, sore muscles, and new friends."

Face off. Junior Alyssa Best struggles to take control of the ball. "It didn't matter if you had a bad day, all that was important was getting out on the field and doing what you love," expressed Best.

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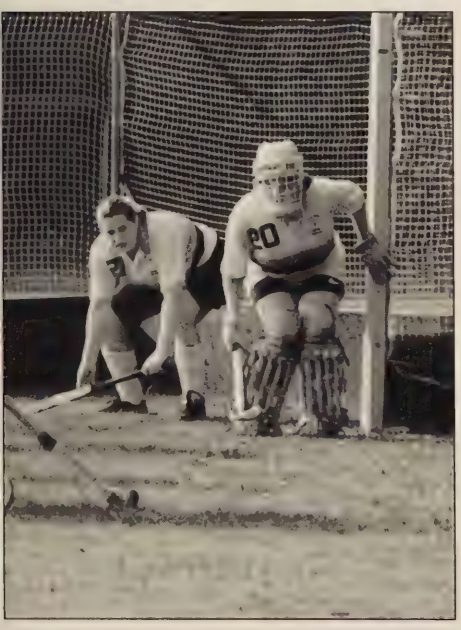

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Defending the goal. Senior Elizabeth Smith said, "We pulled together and each of us improved in our own way."

DAVID CALDWELL

Varsity Field Hockey

Row one: Heather Ballard, Shelly Lichvar, Wendy King, Tracie Hedwall, Barbara Stells, Gwendolyn Senn. Row two: Coach Crawley, Elizabeth Smith, Alyssa Best, Dyana Pinelli, Holly Clark, Karen Bruner, Laurie Hobeck, Coach Seymour. Third Row: Whitney Mick, Katherine Youell, Julie Capel, Tennille Chisholm, Sara Little, Kelly Burleson.

Dynamic duo. Freshman Kathrine Prugh and Freshman Kim Skora show their team work. "Kim and I have been playing on the same team together for four years and that's why we did so well together," said Prugh.

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Girls' Varsity Row one: Sarah Greear, Karen Bruner, Meg Alexander. Row two: Amber Ozmar, Sarah Crow, Elizabeth Custis, Stephanie Vaughn, Kim Skora, Brandi Henry, Tracy Krusniak. Row three: Mgr Sarah Buckland , Chrissy Artus, Katherine Prugh, Jocelyn Woodward, Kerry Morgan, Tennille Chisholm, Katie Harding, Kritina Goins, Coach Riad Mahayni.

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Just do it. Sophmore Brandi Henry prepares to score. "Although we may not have had a good record, this was the best season I have had at Bird because we worked as a team and accomplished our goals," said Henry.

Girls Kick Grass

by sarah day

Starting off the season with a bang, the girls' varsity soccer team won first place in the Ukrop's Tournament and kept a successful pace throughout the season. The girls showed much improvement over last year, adding more skill and new players. Talent was displayed all over the field, in both varsity and J.V.

Many agreed that this season was one of the girls' best yet. Senior Meg Alexander said, "I think we played really well this year considering we had a lot of new players. The most exciting game was when we played Manchester and beat them because we were all focused and determined to win." Senior Amber Ozmar said, "We worked really well together this year. All of the seniors are going to miss playing for Bird next year." Junior Tracy Krusniak and junior Sarah Crow said, "We feel Mr. Mahayni's Christmas tree shorts played an important role in our success this season."

The J.V. team also stuck together with confident attitudes. The girls had lots of fun and demonstrated school spirit. Freshman Rosie Brown said, "Winning really didn't matter because it was like we were all sisters. Coach Weaver always built up our confidence no matter what the score was." Freshman Kelly Riddick agreed. "Even though we didn't win, we had lots of fun due to our supporting coach," she said. Freshman Brooke Leatherwood said, "One of the most unusual things was when Rosie and I broke our fingers in a game but we continued to play. this just shows that we never give up!"

Girls' Varsity Season Record

3-11

Girls' J.V. Season Record

0-12

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Girls' J.V. Row one: Alexis Chishlom, Stacey Kennedy, Nicole Weaver, Lindsey Goyne. Row two: Becca Jacobs, Amelia Herald, Kelly Riddick, Brooke Leatherwood, Cynthia Walton. Row three: Coach Luke Weaver, Elizabeth Sauder, Rosie Brown, Courtney Bradford, Renee' Osterbind, Heather McCormick, Nicole Mangus, Sarah Buckland

DAVID CALDWELL

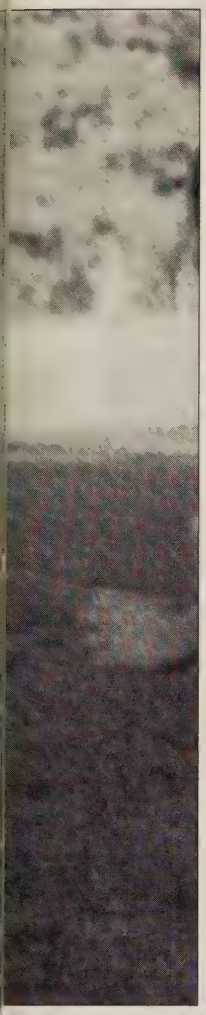
Wrappin' it up. Sophomore Katie Harding protects her weak ankle. "For me, having Mahayni wrap my ankle was a pre-game ritual, " said Harding.

Fighting for it. Junior Kris Morgan takes control of the field." Even though the year was a blast, it sometimes resembled Austrian-rules football," said Morgan.

DAVID CALDWELL

Boys' Varsity. Row one: Alex Wang, Brad Shiver, Trey Nichols, Josh Boyd, Matt Sharpe, Jonathan Doran, Neil Carty, Josh Grubb, T.J. Claytor. Row two: Coach Jim Birmingham, Daniel Marshman, Wes Baskerville, Carlton King, Daniel Prugh, Kris Morgan, Scott Watts, David Shepherd, Mgr. Mary Tolbert, Mgr. Katy Brightly

Perfect formation. Junior Daniel Prugh practices the the perfect shot. "Playing varsity this year was a new and productive experience ."



Going for the Goal

by sarah day

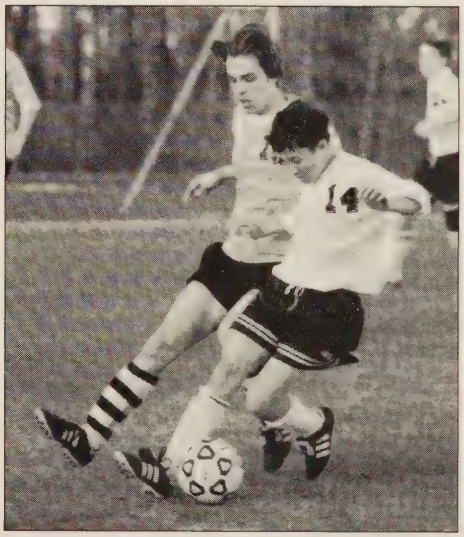
The players took the field with their heads held high and were prepared to meet all challenges that faced them. Both teams strived to practice hard and every long hour practiced more skills were shown every game. Senior Neil Carty said, "Our individual skills would have been better if had worked as a team. But overall, most of the team tried to work together." Sophomore Trey Nichols said, "Playing soccer on the varsity level enhanced my self confidence and increased my skills. Sophomore Wes Baskerville agreed. "I was proud to be selected to play on the varsity team as a sophomore."

"With a new coach and a new team, the J.V. team didn't quite come together until the end of the season," said Sophomore Gordon Chisholm, "but the experience was well worth the effort." The team spirit was on a high level for the J.V. boys. Their hearts and minds were set on their goals and they worked hard to achieve them. Freshman Jason Chin said, "I had a great time playing on the team this season. I hope this team will grow in the years to come."

For the J.V. and varsity teams, their hard work and effort payed off. The players had an enjoyable year together and had a memorable experience. Senior Josh Boyd said, "As my last year playing for Bird, I will never forget all the great times we shared together. Next year, I will really miss Coach Birmingham and all the friends I have made on the team."

Varsity Soccer	
Thomas Jefferson	2-1
Monacan	1-0
Meadowbrook	1-0
James River	0-4
Manchester	2-2
Clover Hill	0-4
Manchester	0-2
Monacan	1-0
James Rivers	0-5
Midlothian	0-3
Clover Hill	0-4
Thomas Dale	2-0
Huguenot	14-0
Midlothian	0-1

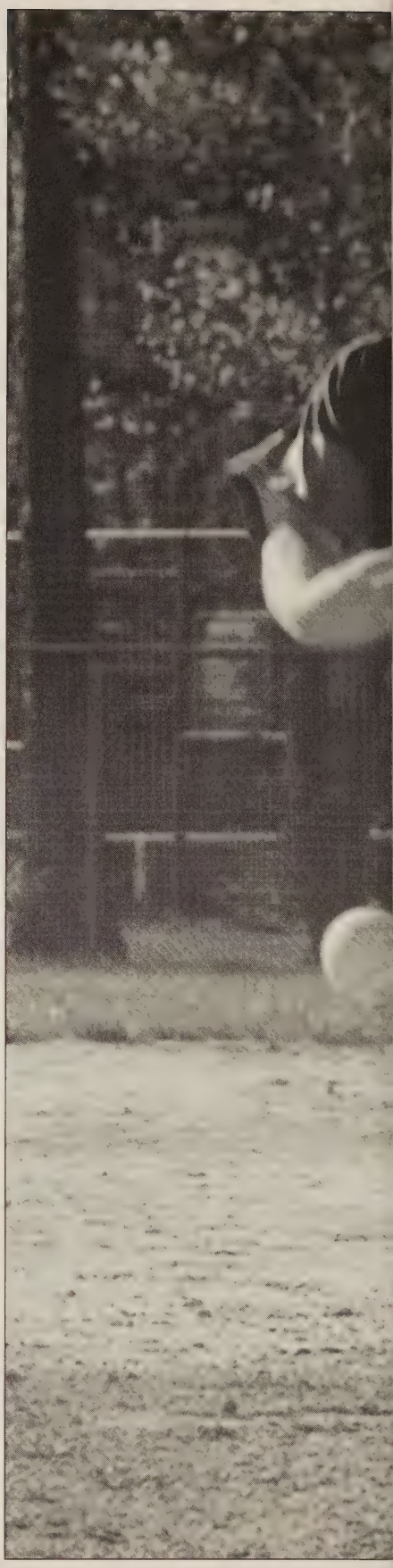
Boys' J.V. Row one: Brian Oates, Josh Synder, Sean Wheeler, Gordon Chisholm, Matt Bedard, Matt Hundley, Justin Pugh, Jason Chin, Mgr. Becky Ebert. Row two: Coach Ali Gizler, Riley Irving, Jason Myers, Shawn Snyder, Brian Swagger, Brian Akom, Scott Simmons, Erik Rosval.



One on one . Freshman Jason Chin defeats a Monacan player. " The overall season was pretty good. I enjoyed working with this team," said Chin.

Playing the Field

Released. Senior Becky Kirkman focused on getting the pitch in there. Kirkman said, "Don't let anyone's opinion of you become your reality."



by tonyaspade

Girls Varsity Softball Season Record	
Thomas Dale	9-3
Clover Hill	3-10
Meadowbrook	0-1
Thomas Dale	4-6
Hopewell	3-11
Monocan	9-0
James River	5-4
Atlee	7-4
Petersburg	0-23
Broad Run	3-2
Patrick Henry	0-9
Manchester	6-1
Midlothian	17-6
Clover Hill	2-10
Monocan	3-0
Manchester	14-2
James River	5-4
Meadowbrook	4-12
Midlothian	4-5

The girls' softball team ended this year's season with a record of 3-7, an improvement from last year's 1-9 record. "We were very young and made typical mistakes that young teams make, but we definitely showed improvement, ending the season on a four-game winning streak. Our experience this year will help us next year," said Coach David Pollock. Senior Nikki Feind commented, "At the beginning of the season we were kind of slummin'. We had fun, and hopefully the Bird softball team will go to Districts next year."

"The greatest experience overall was how we were all able to work together as a family on and off the field. No matter what problems arose, we all stuck together and handled them. Overall, we had a great time just joking around and getting down n' dirty!" said junior Sarah Lavinus. Junior Holly Inge agreed, "Even though we did not have the best season, we sure had fun trying!" Ending her last year playing on Bird's softball team, senior Becky Kirkman was awarded First team Utility Player, First team Pitcher and Player of the Year. Kirkman said, "I was very surprised that I received these awards." Sophomore Charis Tucker received Most Improved Player, while junior Shelby Ray was awarded Second Team Infield.

"Though the season was not as successful as we hoped, many things were accomplished. With it all, I gained many friends and learned a few valuable lessons," said freshman April Porter.

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Lettin' it Rip. Freshman Kristen Thomasson rushes the ball in to stop the play. "I knew I got her," said Thomasson.

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Varsity Softball Row one: Denise Hayes, Becky Kirkman, Nikki Feind, Sara Kadrlik. Row two: Jill Worsham, Holly Inge, Kristen Thomasson, Sarah Lavinus, April Porter, Lisa Cobaugh. Row three: Coach David Pollock, Coach Jack Worsham, Jennifer Searle, Shelby Ray, Mellisa Thurston, Sharise Tucker, Manager Gideon Elliot, Coach Reggie Kirkman.

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J.V. Softball Row one: Jamie Seymore, Stephanie Crow, Mariah Hornbuckle, Barbara Rose. Row two: Jennifer Fuller, Ashleigh Graham, Angela Moore, Amanda Walters, Dana Lee. Row three: Coach Crystal Barker, Lisa Fiends, Jamie Wisegarver, Nikki Johnson, Dana Harler, Nicole Wood, Manager Bobby Nixon.

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Winding Up. Junior Holly Inge takes immediate action. Inge said, " Playing defense has always been my favorite."

Love is in the Air

by sarah day

Season Records

Boys' Tennis
3-11
Girls' Tennis
3-9

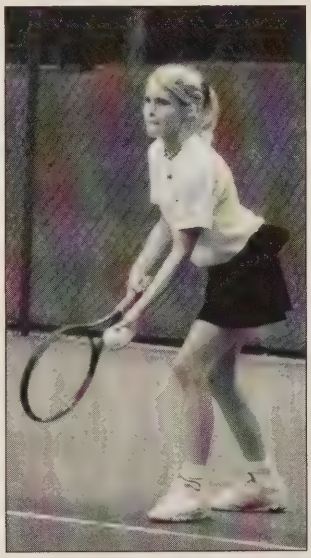
Even though the boys' and girls' tennis teams were not as successful as they wished to be this year, they all worked hard and excelled in teamwork. Many of the players looked beyond their season record and enjoyed the more memorable moments they shared.

Junior Jay Hunter said, "After our match at Midlothian, we all dared Jeffrey Woraratanadharm to roll in this huge mud puddle in his uniform and he did it. After he did it, we each owed him a dollar." The girls' team also had their share of fun on and off the court. "We made sure no balls were around the net because one of us would always find a way to trip on one," laughed junior Samantha Lee. The girls also enjoyed time together off the court. Junior Chrissy Artus said, "For our end of the season banquet, we all got picked up in a limo and were taken to the Meadowbrook Country Club."

According to the girls' coach, Kathleen Watch, "Team camaraderie was extremely high. The girls support for each other is to be commended." Junior Chrissy Artus was awarded MVP and the Most Improved Player award was given to freshman Stephanie Primack. The award for the most dedicated player went to junior Samantha Lee. "We may not have won very many matches but the bonding we did this season will bring everyone back next year," said junior Jacqueline Kniska.

The boys' coach, Jeff Langford, said "The highlights of this season were beating Manchester twice and finishing the year with two straight wins." The MVP award went to senior Robby Wood and the award for most improved player went to junior Ryan Harris. "We had a really young team this year with only one senior. Hopefully we will do better next year," said Harris. Sophomore Van Smith agreed. "I am confident that we will surpass all expectations and have a better season next year because our team won't be so young," said Smith.

Complete concentration. Sophomore Lindsey Halbert said," Our team as a whole has improved greatly since last year."



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Girls' Tennis Row one: Sarah Davis, Stephanie Primack, Natasha Weaver, Lindsey Halbert. Row two: Coach Kathleen Watch, Samantha Lee, Chrissy Artus, Jacqueline Kniska.

Perfect stance. Sophomore Thomas Lee said," It's an unexplainable feeling. I was in a state of complete silence."

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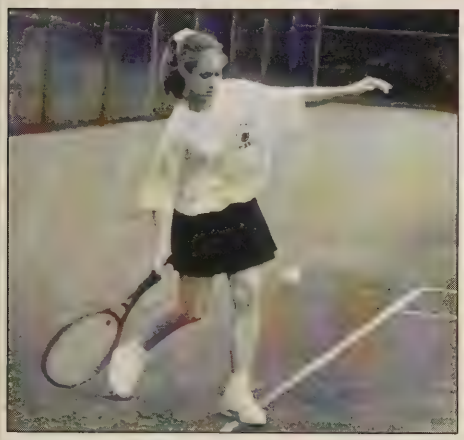

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Volley for serve. Freshman Sarah Davis said," I always had fun, even though I lost a lot more than I won."

DAVID CALDWELL

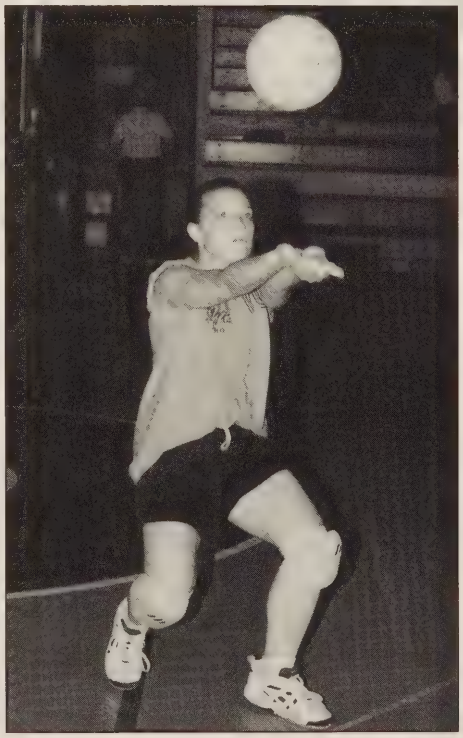
Boys' Tennis Row one: Russ Clement, Ryan Harris, David Kuti, Jeffrey Woraratanadharm, Chuck Parrish, Jared Davis, Mayur Desai. Row two: Coach Jeff Langford, Tommy Johnston, Robby Wood, Thomas Lee, Lex Watson, Jason Wilkinson, Jay Hunter, Mike Kristensen, Eric Eichenlaub, Justin Marshall, Manager Sarah Hastings.

Setting for satisfaction...

by tonya spade

The boys' varsity volleyball players said they still had a good time, even though the win-loss records may not be very impressive yet. Even though the boys' varsity volleyball team did not have a very successful season, they worked together as a team. The boys also competed at a tournament at Clover Hill. Senior Ben Welchel was the team captain, and was also voted MVP. "Even though our season was not that great, I still enjoyed being part of the team," stated Welchel. Senior Marc Temple received the award for being Most Improved and Sophomore Josh Barrowcliff was nominated for the Best Legs Award. "I felt as though this season was the proudest and the most memorable of my volleyball career", commented Barrowcliff. This year an award was given in memory of Alan Whitt, a former Bird volleyball player who was killed in a car accident in 1995. Marc Temple and Senior Joe Mehalko shared the Alan Whitt Memorial Award for the most hustle and for always being enthusiastic. "I really learned a lot about sportsmanship and team unity this year," commented Mehalko. Although the girls varsity volleyball team had a season record of 1-16, the girls continued to stick together until the end. At the end of the season the girls placed fifth in the Dominion District, in Northern Virginia, where they competed at the Hylton Invitational Tournament. "The best game of the year was when we played Monacan. We could have beaten anyone that night. We won the match in two games..."

Girls Varsity Volleyball	
Season Record	5-14
Thomas Dale	10-15,17-15,3-15
Meadowbrook	15-10,15-2
Clover Hill	5-15,4-15
James River	2-15,15-12,11-15
Midlothian	0-15,2-15
Huguenot	15-10,5-15,15-10
Monacan	16-14,9-15,15-8
Manchester	6-15,1-15
Thomas Dale	2-15,5-15
Clover Hill	2-15,2-15
Meadowbrook	15-11,13-15,15-6
James River	15-2,7-15,10-15
Midlothian	2-15,2-15
Huguenot	17-15,15-2
Monacan	9-15,1-15
Manchester	7-15,9-15



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Bumping it. Sophomore Brandi Henry bumps the ball to the setter. Henry says, "In playing on the J.V. team I learned a lot from our team motto; team first me second."

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Girls' Varsity Volleyball Row One: Jami Garcia, Adedamola Adebayo, Kerry Morgan, Melissa Thurston. Row Two: Haylie Lum, Nicole Weaver, Sarah Crow. Row Three: Keri Butler, Miranda Altice. Row Four: Coach Mrs. Judy McNeely, Manager Maria Foster.

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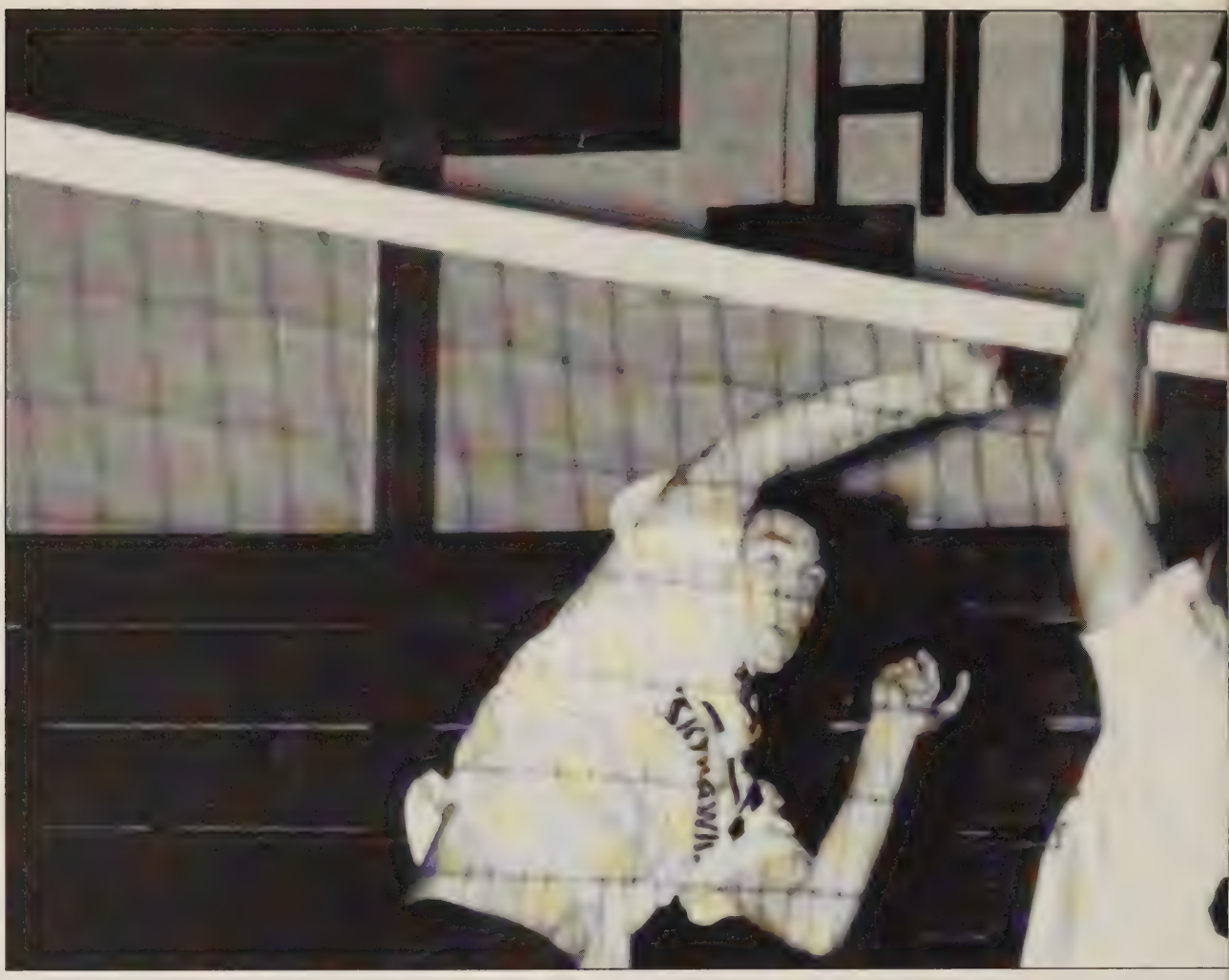
Boys' Varsity Volleyball Row One: Brian Ross, Josh Barrowcliff, Mayur Desai, Marc Temple. Row Two: Coach Molsky, Timothy Sitterson, Ben Welchel, Joe Mehalko, Brian Sutton, Robbie Wood, Brian Kemp, Coach Brad Bradley.

Air time.

Senior Keri Butler makes the play. Bulter says, "We had a great year. Even though we lost, we all were best friends."



Lift off.
Senior Ben Welchel spikes the ball to the opponents. Welchel said, "Josh can't block me."

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Girls' JV Volleyball Row One: Brandi Henry, Leona Burke. Row Two: Angela Thomas, Rebecca Jacobs, Amalia Herald. Row Three: Cathryn Wise, Dana Lee, Larissa Champaco, Angela Moore. Row Four: Sara Benson, Jeannie Wray, Katherine Prugh, Shannon Mcanelly, Casey Seymour, Coach Karen Ridout.

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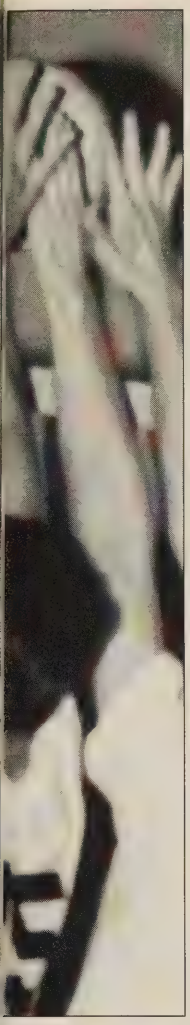
Digging it.
Senior Miranda Altice serves the ball with confidence. Altice said, "Even though its been a tough year, I love d playing with this team the most."



...Spiking for success

by tonya spade

"Everyone played great and we communicated as a team," commented junior Jami Garcia about the 15-12, 9-15, 15-8 win. Sophomore Kerry Morgan received Most Improved Player, because her passing improved a lot and she was able to control her serves. Senior Keri Butler received the Most Defensive Player, because she was always there and ready to hit the ball. Senior Miranda Altice was awarded Most Offensive Player; she was the main setter and strongest hitter.

The girl's J.V. volleyball team had a fairly successful year, considering that there were 10 first-year players out of a team of 13. The girls not only remained close friends on court but off court. "The closer we got to one another the better we played. Friendship made it so much fun," agreed sophomore Angela Thomas. As a symbol, the girls wore crazy socks whenever they could. "It was a way to make the oppenents laugh and to intimidate them," commento Thomas. Sophomore Casey Seymour received MVP for always giving 100 percent and having a good attitude. "This year was a blast! I think everyone did a good job and I can't wait for next season." Being on the J.V. team also helped a lot of players improve and served as a good learning experience. "It was a bunch of fun, and being on the J.V. team helped me a lot and will help me for next year's season", said freshman Katherine Prugh. "Looking at the beginning to the end we all improved a lot. All the freshman improved and we all became good friends," agreed sophomore Brandi Henry.

The boys' J.V. had fun playing as a team. "It was a lot of fun to play with the teammates I had," agreed Sophomore Timothy Marsh. Two players, sophomore Andy Vojtecky and freshman Adam Grayberg were moved up to the varsity team. "Being able to play on the J.V. team was a learning experience for me," said Vojtecky. "Even though we lost some good players to varsity, overall we still did pretty good," commented Marsh.

Boys Varsity Volleyball Season Record	
Meadowbrook	15-12, 15-10
Clover Hill	7-15, 9-15
James River	15-6, 13-15, 7-15
Midlothian	15-8, 15-9
Huguenot	15-2, 15-4
Monacan	7-15, 16-14, 15-13
Clover Hill	15-10, 9-15, 15-17
Manchester	15-19, 11-15, 15-9
Thomas Dale	12-15, 12-15
Meadowbrook	15-6, 15-7
James River	6-15, 13-15
Midlothian	15-9, 15-9
Huguenot	15-5, 15-7
Monacan	15-3, 8-15, 15-9
Manchester	14-6, 15-13, 1-15

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Boy's JV Volleyball Row One: Gary Sheperd, Jay Jones, Adam Greyburg, Lex Watson, Raleigh Irvin, Sean Wheeler. Row Two: Timothy Marsh, Andy Vojtechy, Philph Bernie, Joey Martin, Adegboye Adebayo, Shawn Synder, Coach Brad Bradley.

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Over the net.
Sophomore Josh Barrowcliff spikes the ball to the opposing team. Barrowcliff said, "I am putting a mad topspin on my spike."

Willing to win

by tonya spade

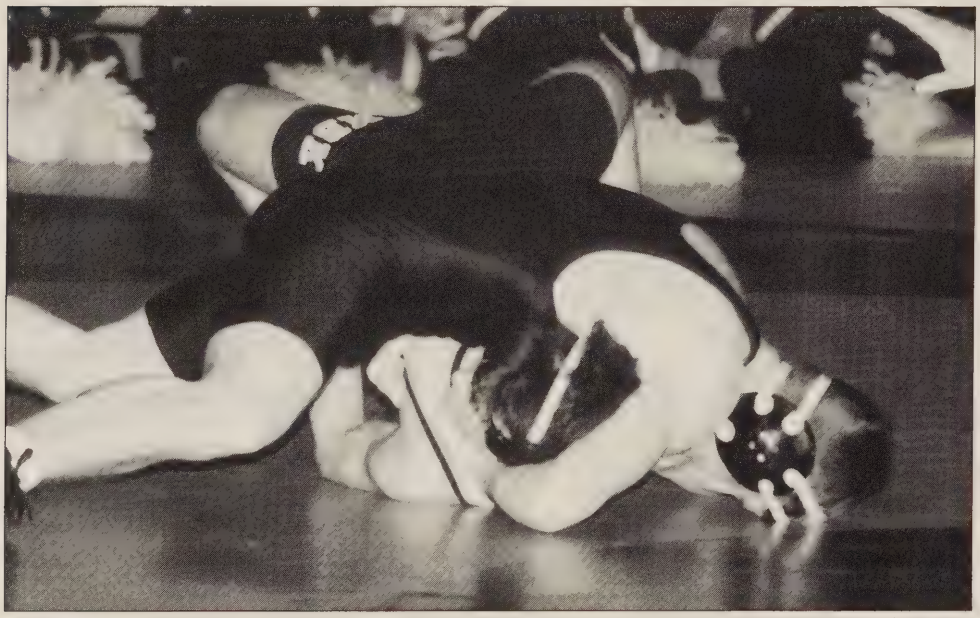
The wrestling team, consisting predominantly of underclassmen, finished with a season record of 4-16. "Even though most of the people from last year did not try out, we had three or four thugs on the squad that carried us. We had four people place in districts and to me that was a great accomplishment," said junior Randi Zaremba. "Teamwise, Bird had another rebuilding season, with mainly underclassmen filling in the varsity line up," commented senior Dale Seymour.

This year the District winners were seniors Dale Seymour and Brad Shiver placing first and juniors Derrick Griner and Randi Zaremba placing third. The two regional winners were Dale Seymour placing first and Brad Shiver in sixth. Seymour was also fourth in the state out of 108 people. Placing first in District and Regional, Seymour is Bird's highest AAA wrestler ever.

Wrestling is a sport that takes will and determanation. "Wrestling is the hardest sport physically and mentally, you must be in great shape, and willing to do all it takes to win," agreed Griner.

This season Shiver and Griner each had 10 pins while Seymour finished with a total of 15. He also had the most wins at 32, and the most takedowns.

Wrestling		
Season Record 4-16		
Douglas Freeman	12	68
Highland Springs	36	45
Midlothian	27	51
Turner-Ashby	4	72
Manchester	34	44
JR Tucker	22	46
George Wythe	66	12
James River	34	46
Matoaca	47	19
Meadowbrook	21	44
Monacan	18	61
Clover Hill	18	51
Manchester	16	66
Petersburg	21	55
Patrick Henry	36	33
Huguenot	49	37
Hermitage	18	59
Thomas Dale	30	60
Dinwiddie	30	51
Midlothian	36	49



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Trapped.
Senior Brad Shiver pins his opponent. "Knowing that you have worked harder and longer than your opponent puts a good feeling of dominence in my system", said Shiver.

All locked up.
Eighth grader Rusty Crostic, who attends Salem Middle.

Wipe out. Senior Dale Seymour prepares to take down the competitor. "Meadowbrook had a rebuilding season like us and they did not have any extremely stiff competition," said Seymour.

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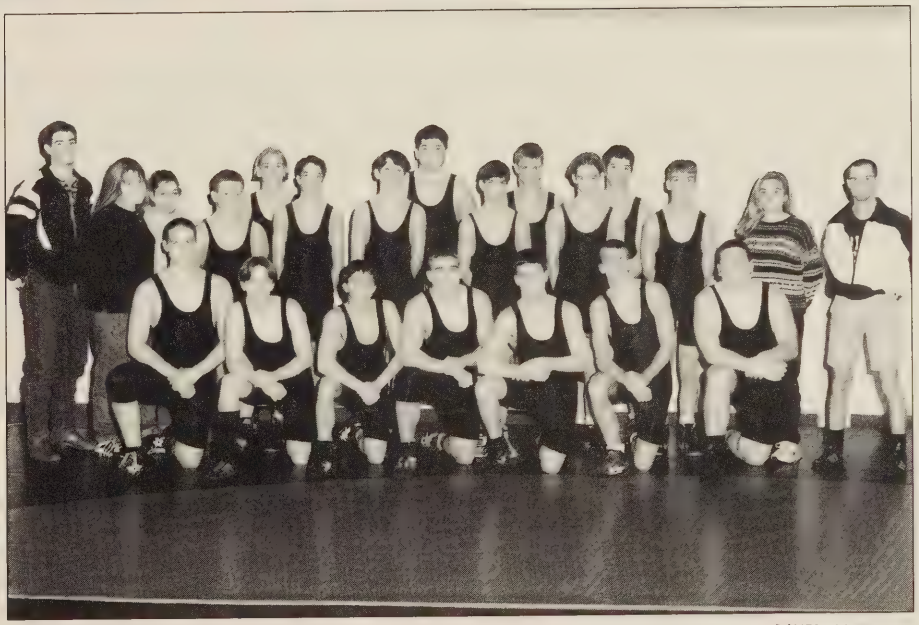
puts his opponent in a head lock. "Wrestling takes pure determination and the willingness to win."



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Wrestling. Row one: Derrick Griner, Shane Buckland, Carlos Montejano, Dale Seymour, Brad Shiver, Al Cihocki, Randi Zaremba. Row two:Coach Jim Thomas, Manager Sarah Buckland, Rusty Crostic, Chris Schoot, Preston Hawley, Justin Marshall, Brandon Marsh, Brandon Tucker, Manager Casey Seymour, Coach Paul Rafferty. Row three: Manager Lindsay Spencer, Michael Peterson, Denis Enright, Troy Vaden, Jeremy Senn, not pictured: Donnie Schoot.

Hole lot of fun!

by stacie scott

Season Record

1-13

"The kids played better than we expected, considering we had a team of mostly freshmen and sophmores. We should play better next year," said Coach Tester.The 1996 Skyhawk golfers didn't finish in terrific standings, however, the team members agreed that their record wasn't all that important this year.

Mike Kristensen said, "It was fun playing at the Meadowbrook Country Club, it's really nice there." The team practiced every day at the club after school. Gordon Chisholm said, "We may not have had a great record, but we really improved from the beginning to the end of the season." With winning attitudes, the Skyhawks were successful within themselves.

Just a swinging. Senior Danny Browder practices his form. Browder modestly said, "I *have* no form."

DAVID CALDWELL

Smashing balls. Sophomore Matt McHugh said, "We weren't the best team in the world, but now we have a good foundation for next year."

DAVID CALDWELL

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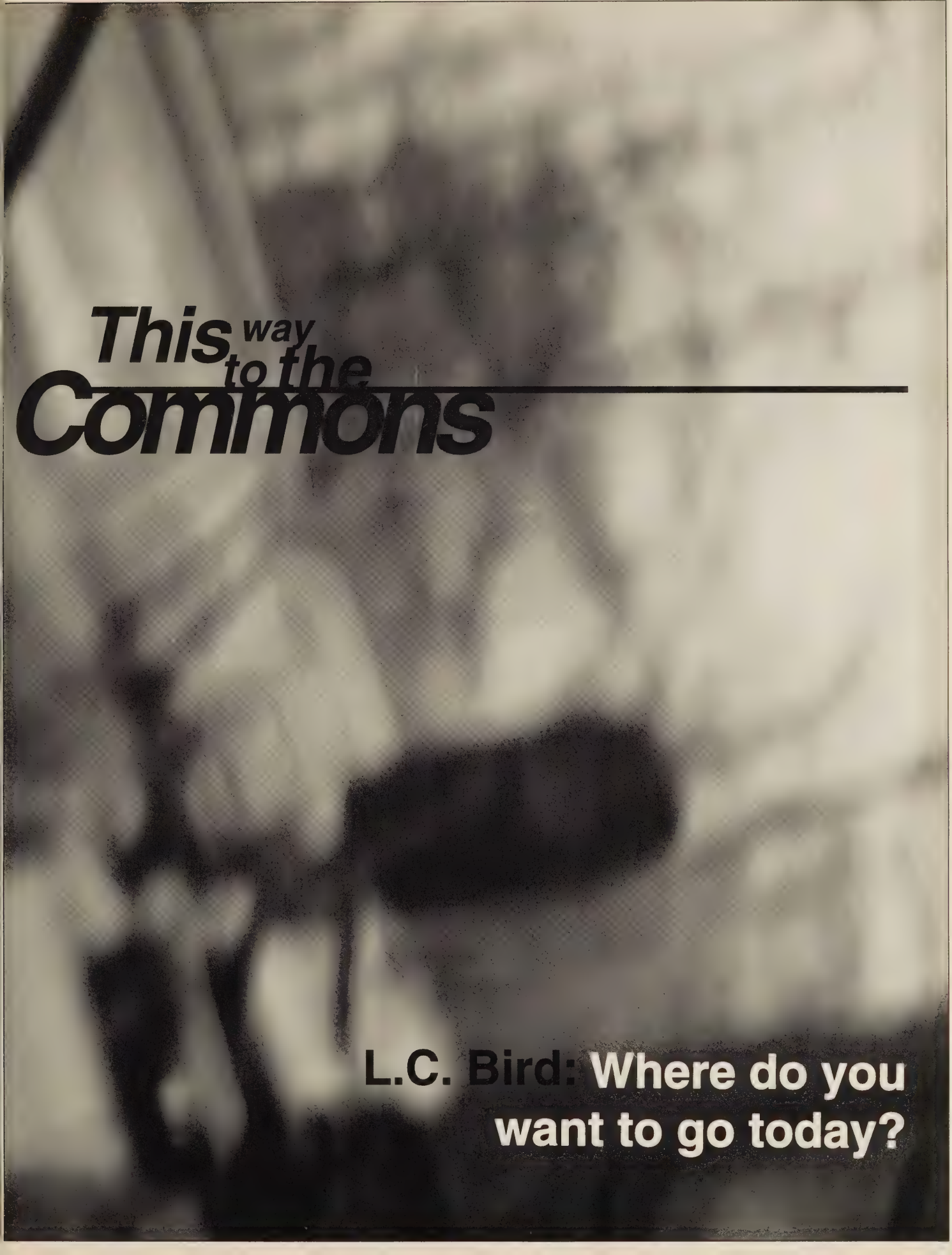
Golf Team: Coach Chuck Tester, Greg Fansler, Brandon Hawkins, Jonathan Tingen, Danny Browder, Chris Holt,Scott Marko, Matt McHugh, Gordon Chisholm, Matt Lewis, Mike Kristensen.



This way to the Commons

L.C. Bird: Where do you want to go today?

Dieferent strokes for different folks

by sarah day

The Athletic Department offers many sports for students to select from. However, some students choose to participate in sports that are not offered at school.

Senior Nicky Griffith and sophomore Annie Gill are competitive swimmers. To remain at the same skill level with his opponents, Griffith said, "I had to get up at 3:30 AM every other morning for a month to practice." According to Gill, extra practice paid off. "After months of waking up at 4:15 am to swim, going to school, and then swimming three more hours after school, I reached my goal. I get to miss a week of school to swim in Florida."

Ice hockey is a growing sport in the Richmond area. It is becoming a very popular sport among young kids through teenagers. Sophomore Gordon Chisholm and junior Daniel Prugh play ice hockey. "Ice hockey is a lot harder than people think it is. It takes a lot of devotion to get to games at 5 am," says Chisholm. Prugh is the captain for the Ice Pilots. "I've enjoyed playing hockey this year; I never thought I'd get the opportunity. I had always wanted to play hockey and now I'm having the time of my life."

Because Bird no longer offers gymnastics, junior Teri White competes in gymnastics at Virgina International. Gymnastics is a perfectionist sport. Everything you do has to be perfect," said White. "Different Strokes" have taken these Skyhawks to new heights.

DORNA CLARK

Power play. Sophomore Jason Clark takes control of the puck and heads down the ice. "My favorite part of hockey are the fights," said Clark.

NANCY WAGNER

Break away. Sophomore Matt Wagner helps defend his goal. "I like hockey because it is a fun-filled activity, " said Wagner.

RICK STARNES

Dancing queen. Freshman Ashley Starnes said, "Dance is a great stress reliever."

DAN WESTRA

Going for the gold. Sophomore Annie Gill races to the other end of the pool. "We don't remember the days, we remember the moments," said Gill.

GREG WHITE

Strike a pose. Junior Teri White said, "I have taken gymnastics since I was five years old."

JENNIFER REPOLE

Horse play. Sophomore Tracey Finley, freshman Courtney Bradford, and senior Beth Repole take riding lessons at Hunter Lane Stables. Repole says, "It's a means of escape so that I can be in control of something for once."

PATRICK BURKE

JUNIORS • ADMINISTRATION • SOPHOMORES

Out of our cages. On Friday,

CIRCLE

September 20, the school enjoyed its

first pep rally of the year outdoors.

OF FRIENDS

The summer weather helped to put

those in the stands into a good mood.

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Karl Anderson

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Despina Aspiotis
David Atkinson
Roberto Azucena
Joshua Bailey
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Sarah Barbour
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Crystal Barrow
Melissa Barton
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David Bayford
Travis Beard
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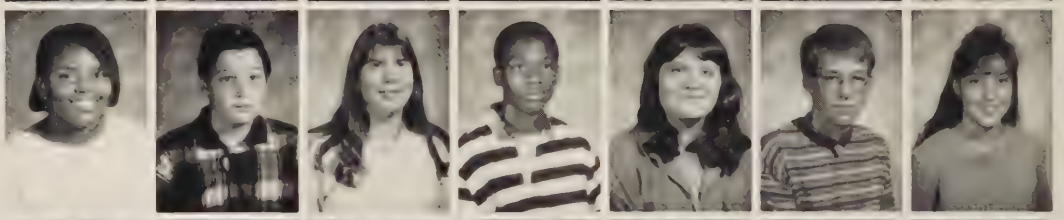

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Alvin Bulanadi
Tad Burke
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Stephanie Burrow
James Butler
Karen Byrd
Jonathan Byrnes
Brian Cannon
James Cannon
Travis Cantrell

A whole new world

DAVID CALDWELL

Freshman Class Officers: (l to r) Secretary Jennifer Slezak, Treasurer Alexis Chisholm, Vice President Mariah Hornbuckle, President Eric Young, Sponsors Ms. Mynes and Ms. Scimone (not pictured).

"High school is great because there is such a wide variety of people."

Rebecca Ebert

Derek Moore

"The food at Bird tastes better than middle school food."

David Bayford

"We have twice as much time in between class to talk."

"I'm lucky because I do not have to ride the bus with all of the other freshmen."

Ashley Matthews

by erin carter hundley

Everyone has to begin at the bottom of the totem pole. The freshman class got off to a good start by receiving second place for their Disney-themed homecoming float. Freshman Eric Young said that "being on the homecoming float gave me the experience to learn the true spirit of Lloyd C. Bird."

The famed class of 2000 was welcomed into high school with a huge banner in the large commons. Many freshmen claim that they are thankful to be out of middle school. Freshman Jason Vicente says "my classes are larger than at Salem and the teachers here are nicer." Socially, freshman are concerned about what the upperclassmen think of them. "It is hard to act cool when I have to ride by the parking lot on the cheese (school bus)", explains freshman Jennifer Terrill. No one admitted to buying a pass to the pool or the elevator. Congratulations to the class of 2000, who has made the transition from middle school to high school, and has three more years of "fun" to look forward to.

Helping Hands Here

JACQUELINE KNISKA

Mike Reardon
aka
Medical Volunteer

Courtney Puster
aka
SEEK Volunteer

BRAD MUSTAIN

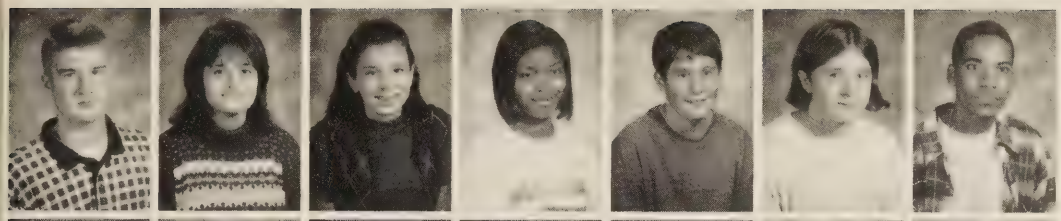
Students agree that schedules are hectic enough as it is. Balancing school attendance and class assignments is plenty to keep them busy, yet most students also combine academics with extra curricular activities. Some students join clubs, play sports, or hold jobs. However, there is another field which requires endless hours of devotion -- community service. The majority of these unselfish people who take time out for community service projects go unaccredited and remain in the shadows. This is okay with such dedicated people and it seems as though the smiles they bring to the faces of other s is the perfect reward.

Junior Mike Reardon volunteers twice a month at Chippenham Medical Hospital. Mike works as sort of a nurse's aide. "It makes me feel good to help other people, and sometimes bring out their smiles," Mike said with a smile of his own.

As a freshman, Courtney Puster has gone out on a limb, chasing her ambition of mentoring. Courtney heard about a program she could get involved with through S.C.A. called S.E.E.K. Courtney loves children and saw this as an opportunity to get involved with the community and a needy child. Courtney was paired with a boy in Kindergarten. The two are building a friendship through time spent coloring, reading, and reviewing classwork assignments. Courtney serves as both a mentor and a tutor to someone who needs her. Simply stated, "I like kids and I like to help. In being involved with S.E.E.K., I can do both."

Even though the majority of students are just too busy to commit to demanding community service activities, a recent poll among the student body shows that 9 out of 10 people agree that community service is a good and very important thing.

by jacqueline lauren kniska



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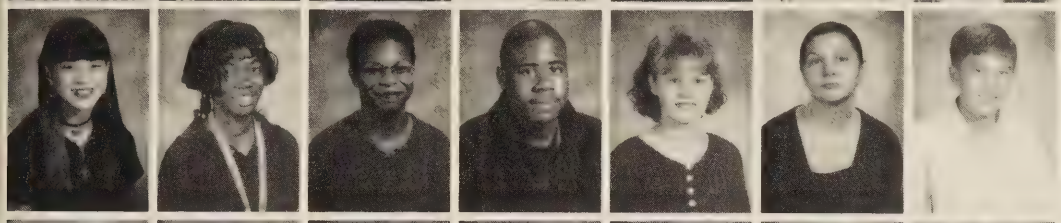

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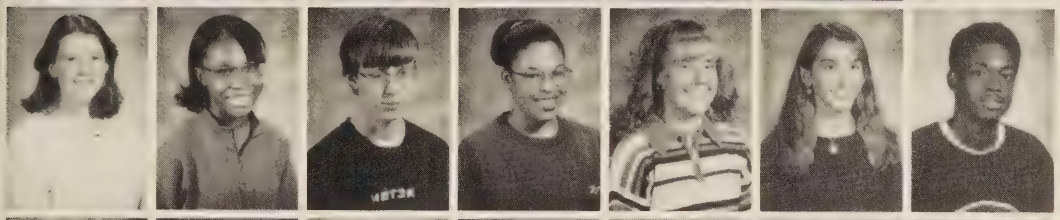

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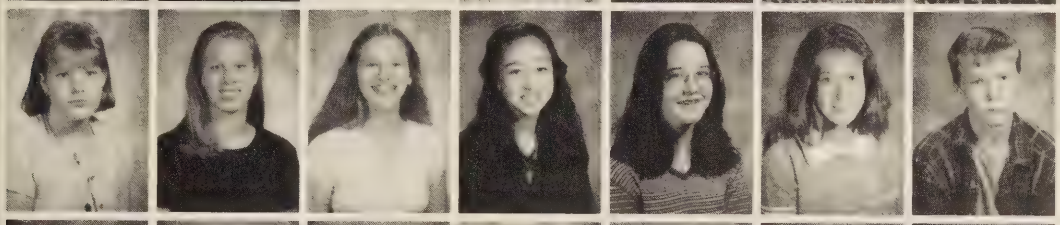

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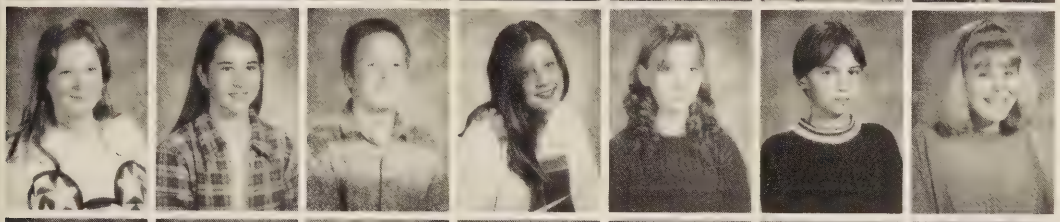

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Natalie Hancock

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EDUCATION IS EVERYTHING.
OBEY YOUR PARENTS.
ATTEND BIRD.

Better late than never

Skyhawks have several opinions about the school's tardy policy. "Five tardies are too few for a semester, especially when first period tardies are also counted," said Patrick Anderson, a senior.

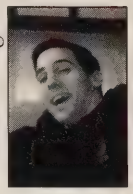
The school tardy policy is not only for punishing those who are not on time to class, but also to teach lifetime skills. "Tardies are not acceptable in the business world. We try to teach that here, so that when students leave school they would have learned that," said Ms. Headley, an administrator.

Why are you tardy?

"Because I have better things to do."

Lindsay Nester

Michael King



"Because the freshmen haven't dropped out yet."

Jamie Hansen

"Because I like adding the slips to my collection."

"Because of that @#&$ intersection."

Jessica Anderson

The school tardy policy states that when a student receives six tardies, an administrative detention, also known as "dirt detail," is given. At seven tardies the punishment is overnight suspension, which requires a parental conference with an administrator before the student is re-admitted to school. At eight tardies, the student receives in-school suspension, at nine tardies, out-of-school suspension.

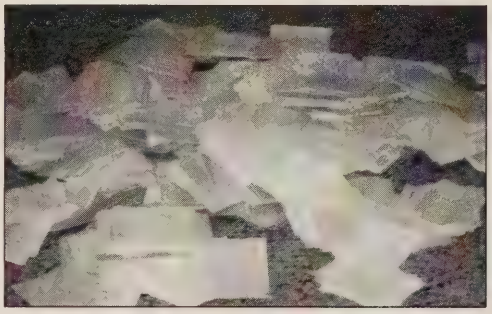
Some students think that these punishments are too harsh. "In-school and out-of-school should be given for things such as skipping and fighting, but not for tardies," said Matt Bedard, a sophomore.

Because there are still so many tardies going into the office every day, it is difficult to keep up. "I know someone who had 16 tardies and I had seven, and we both had to serve the same punishment for these two extremes," said Melissa King.

The tardy procedure has not reduced the number of tardies, but it has helped to cut down on the consumption of class time. "There is less time used by the teacher having to record the tardy, although the tardies are still disruptive to the teacher and class," said Headley.

The administration has its reasons for the tardy policy, but it is still not popular with the students. As sophomore Matthew Jones put it, "it's not our fault that we are late at times. Stuff just happens."

WHOA!! During the first semester of this year, students racked up a total of 6,583 tardies.



by sara lydia verret

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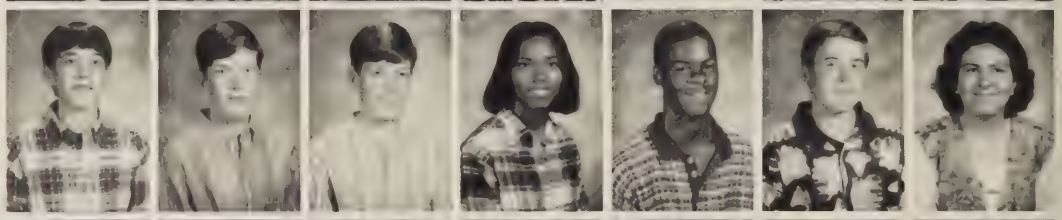

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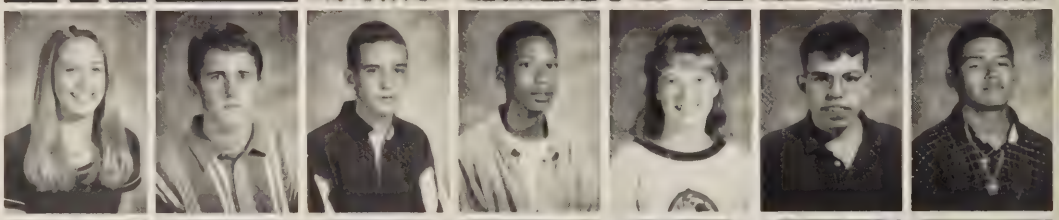

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Kristina Nilsen
William Nilsen

Sharon Nunnally
Bryan Oates
Justin Obermeier
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Caroline Ogunware
Unjin Oh
Marc Organt
Jesse Overton

Step on a crack...

...and break your mother's back

by meghan anderson

AMY JOYCE MEACHAM

Enlightenment. Junior Chris Miller displays no fear as he plays with fire. "After placing 1st at VHSL districts, our theater class went out to eat to celebrate. That's when I broke out the lighter."

How do you ensure good luck??

"I have worn the same shirt to hockey practice for the past two years."

Corey Bradford

Miss Creed

"I never walk under a ladder."

Brian Little

"Before a game, baseball players believe in a good luck kiss."

"When I run a yellow light, I kiss my hand and touch my car's sunvisor."

Moira O'Brien

According to Webster's, a superstition is a traditional belief that a certain action or event can cause or foretell an apparently unrelated event.

All kinds of people believe in superstitions. Senior Gwen Senn said, "Whenever I find a four-leafed clover, I keep it around for good luck." Ms. Lewis of the guidance department admitted, "I try to avoid black cats."

Students also made a connection between sports and symbols of good luck. For senior Katie Youell, her omen came from the sky. "Once, before a field hockey game, we saw a skyhawk. We lost by 20 points."

Finally, sophomore Jamie Whitlow stated, "I don't believe in luck and omens. It doesn't make sense."

So...do you believe in superstitions?

Too sexy for my shirt

That is so 100 years ago.

Pretty dresses turn ugly when worn by the wrong sex.

Jennifer Phillips, Brian Little, Meredith Caldwell, Amanda Buchanan, Angie Griffin (left), and Josh Boyd (right) all agree that Mrs. Bolton can get them to wear anything!

What was your worst fashion faux pas?

by erin carter
hindley and jacqueline lauren kniska

"Guys in middle school wore silk shirts."

Matt Fitzgerald

Kelly Woody

"Hot pink and green biker shorts, neon all the way!"

Dana Meadows

"Simply, a Bart Simpson shirt."

"I had turquiose Sam & Libby bow shoes; they were the rage!"

Laura Basehore

"Do you remember the time" when people were rolling the bottoms of stonewashed jeans, heating and cooling Hypercolor shirts, slapping slap bracelets, crimping or spiking hair, and screaming "cowabunga"? Given the freedom of choice in style, fashion has always been a concern of students.

The question of what to wear faces every student every day. Sophomore Thomas Lee confesses, "I worry about what I wear because I have to look good for the opposite sex." Most students like to make the effort to look nice at school, but there are those who essentially could not care less. "Clothes are clothes," says junior Jonathan Knowles.

"I wake up ten minutes before class begins, so I can't worry about what I wear. I only worry about what looks clean," sophomore Casey Ruth boasts.

Needless to say, attitudes toward fashion will always vary from person to person, and fashion itself will be forever changing. Remember, "one man's junk is another man's treasure." In fashion jargon, that translates to: one man's out-of-style silk shirt is another man's future fashion statement.

A chunky heel replaces last season's spike and daisy dukes replace bermudas. It's a vicious cycle everyone gets caught up in. Like history, fashion often repeats itself. What's to come - the rebirth of the Poodle skirt and bobby socks?

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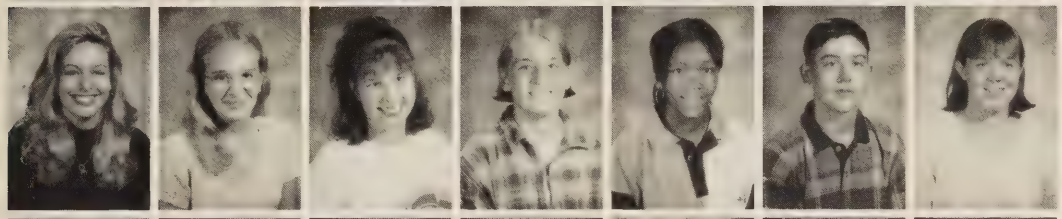

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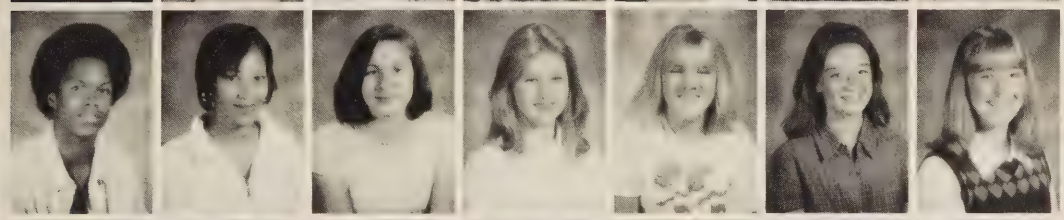

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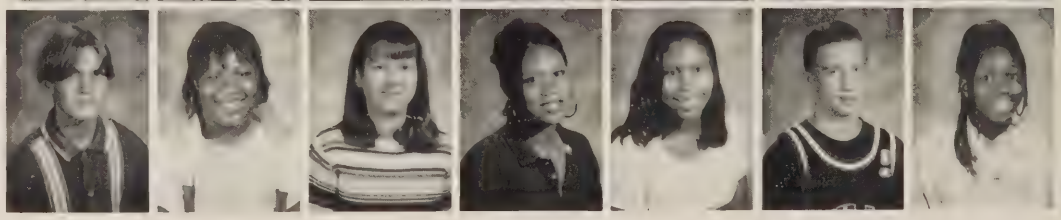


Family Matters

Some say that having a family member at school is awful; however, others could not make it through the day without their sibling. "My teachers call me Monae all of the time" complains Monique McBride. Sophomore April Porter declares "I wouldn't have as much fun if Dionne was not at school with me."

Enjoying the experience of attending the same school depends on a mutual feeling between the siblings. It could get nasty if rivalry occurs on school grounds. "Having my brother and sister in a class is murder because our teacher doesn't know how to stop our fights," claims freshman Alexis Chisholm. On the other hand, Kris and Keri Morgan (pictured in corner) agreed that they love having classes together because "we can help each other with homework." Even though there are flaws in having relatives at school, most siblings say the positives far outweigh the negatives.

by erin carter hundley

"If Katie was not my sister, I would date her."

Bo Harding

Laura Basehore

"School is great, but sharing a car with my sister isn't ."

Monae McBride

"I can bully my sister to get lunch money."

"I love having my brother here; he is another friend."

Alex Wang

ERIN HUNDLEY

Jacob and Joe Harkins gel while eating Jell-o.

ERIN HUNDLEY

Three's company, or three's a crowd? Alexis, Gordon, and Tennille Chisholm are in orchestra class together.

Back To The Future

The Price is Right

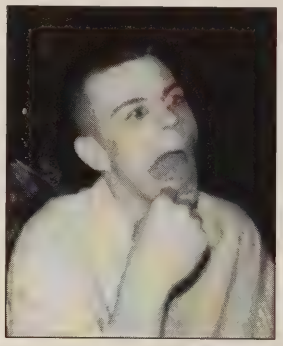
(averages)

Jeans	$50
Tennis Shoes	$70
Lipstick	$8
Class Ring	$200
Bookbag	$30
Pen	$.69
Paper	$1.50
Gum	$1.00
Candy Bar	$.55
Soda	$.55
Milk	$2.40
Bread	$1.20
Hamburger	$1.00
Pizza	$12.00
Video Rental	$2.50
Movie Ticket	$6.00
Hair Cut	$15.00
Gas	$1.23

by pat, amy, erin, jacqueline, meghan, kin

STACIE SCOTT

Levis', Levis', Gap, Gap, Structure



ERIN HUNDLEY

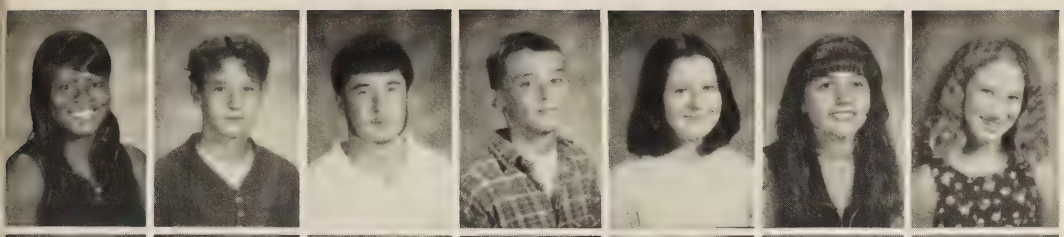
Mmmm... the munchies strike Daniel Poole again.

TABATHA DAWSON

"Hey, can I borrow fifty-five cents?"

JACQUELINE KNISKA

"I need gas money!!!"



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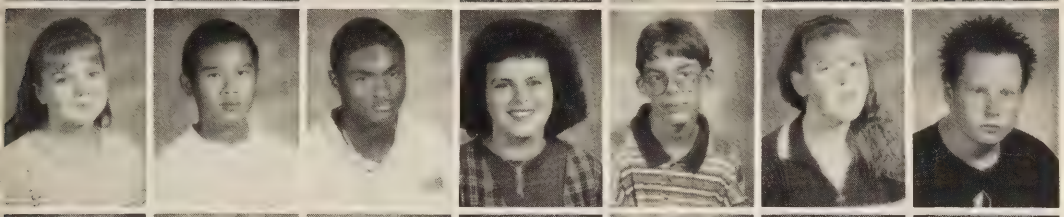

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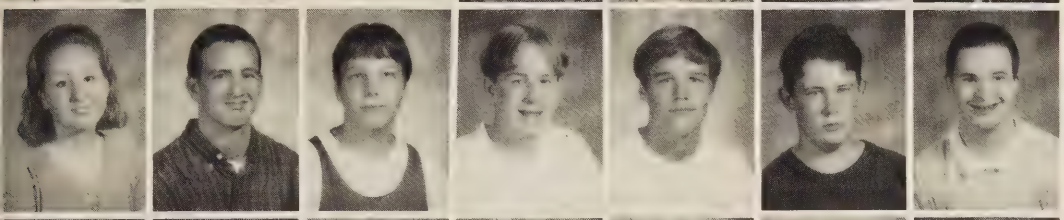

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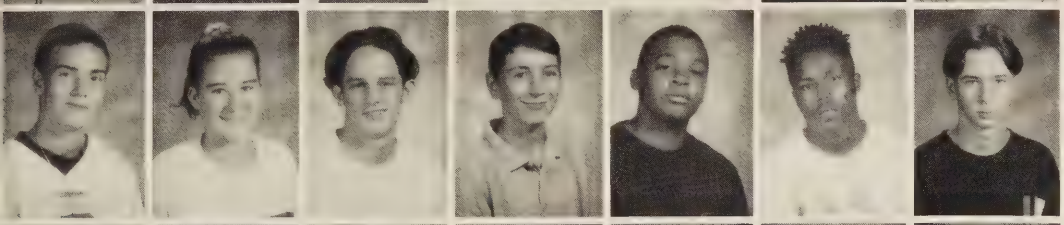

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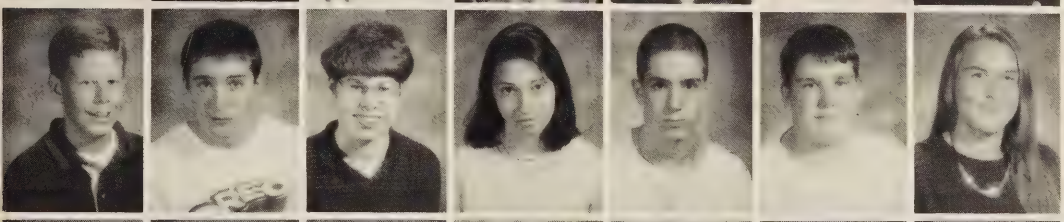

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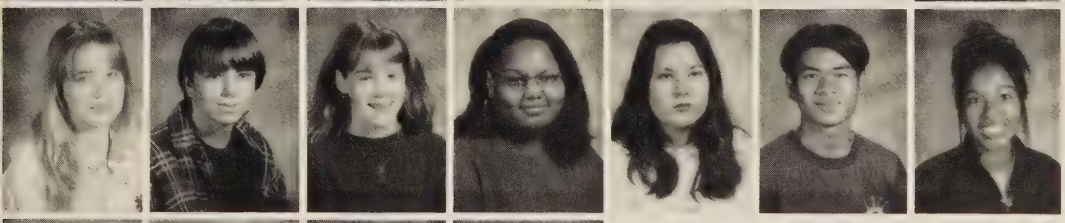

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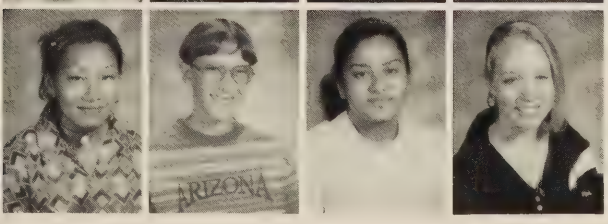

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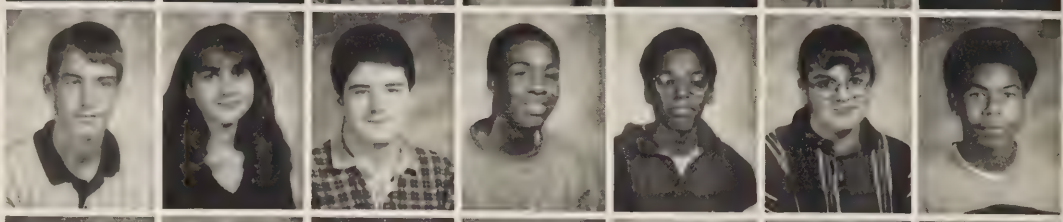

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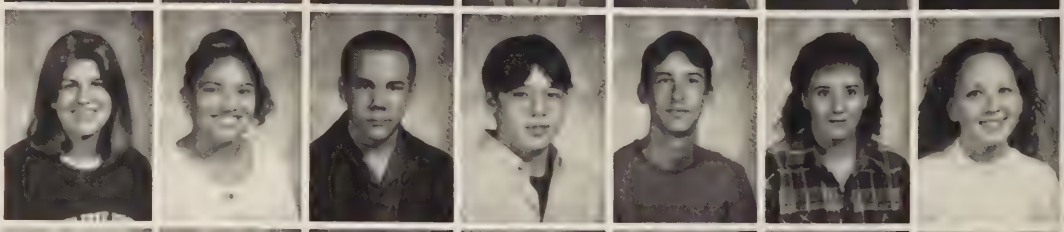

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Michael Bryson
Sarah Buckland
Leona Burke
Mishlyn Bush
Charles Butler
Chris Cabrera
Christine Cadran

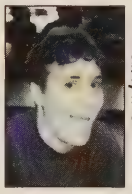
sophomore - (n) wise fool

DAVID CALDWELL

Sophomore Class Officers (left to right): President Patricia Moran, Vice President Robin Jones, Secretary Cameron Dixon, and Treasurer Sherrell Branch.

sophomores say...

"Even though I'm a sophomore, I'm cool enough to get asked to prom."



Casey Ruth

Lindsey Halbert

"I'm just counting down the years until I'm a senior."

Annie Gill

"Now everyone is asking me for a ride home."

"I hated being labelled a stupid little freshman."

Thomas Lee

The sophomore class began the year with a bang, winning second place with their "Cinderella" homecoming float. Heather Davis, pseudo-Cinderella, explained, "I really do not know exactly how they picked me because I was new to this school. It was a great welcome to be in the spotlight for the big night." Working on the float was a group effort, and well worth it in the end.

The sophomore class sponsored the computer compatability questionnaire during Valentine's week. "It was up to the sophomores to go around at lunch and ask students to fill out the questionnaires; they did it all themselves," said Ms. Kim Paquette, class sponsor. President Patricia Moran said, "I enjoyed watching the surprised looks as people found out their matches." Moran also added, "we raised so much money off of that one fund raiser and have not spent any of it!"

The last class of the 20th century is on the right foot, and all of the projects that they have attempted have been very successful. Kim Paquette sums the year up by saying that the Class of 1999 is "a great group of kids."

by erin carter hundley

It was the best of times
It was the worst of times...

by jacqueline
lauren
kniska

The Worst of Times

"Once.... on the way to the Tobacco Company, I knew things weren't right when "his" car ran out of oil. So. downtown, in my dress, I ran to the gas

station to buy oil. Well, we finally made it to dinner. Late. After dinner when we got out to the door "he" had locked his keys in the car! Again, in my dress, I ran to the Omni to make phone calls, or cries of help. Finally we got in touch with someone who had a spare. When eternity was over we returned home. What a long night."

Katie Harding

Going in for the kill; pick-up lines these guys swear by...

"Excuse Me, do you happen to work at a candy store, because you sure are sweet!"

Matt Young

As he walks by, "Hello, my name's Thomas Lee and I'll be right over there when you've finished catching your breath."

Thomas Lee

"Did it hurt? You know when you fell. Fell from Heaven."

Josh Boyd

"Hey baby, your legs must be tired because you've been running through my mind all night."

Andy Brown

TABATHA DAWSON

Ain't love grand!
Danny Browder and Jaime Friedline have a little visit.

James Cale
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Bernita Carmichael
Shannon Carneal
John Carrington
Christina Carter

Denisha Carter
Laurie Carver
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Richard Cassada
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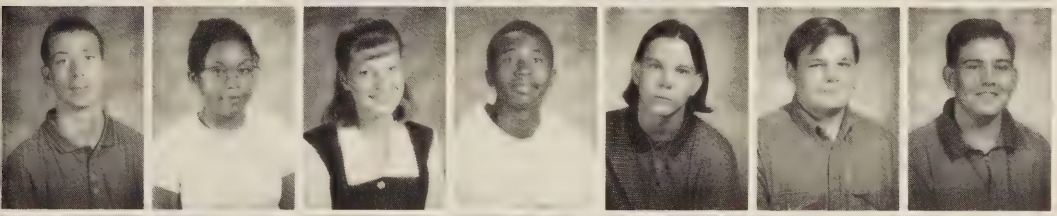

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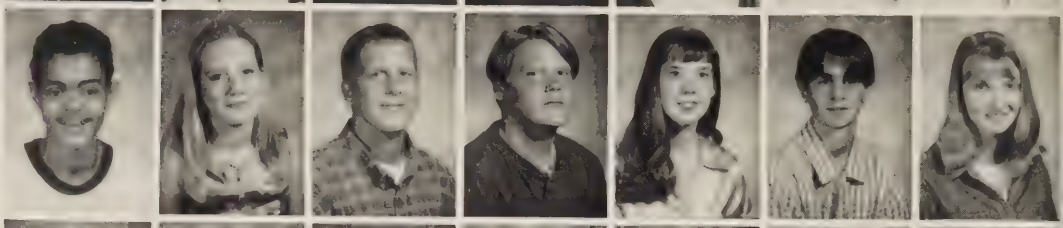

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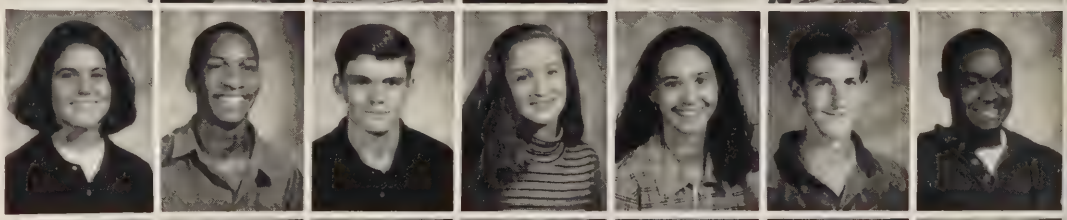

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Technically speaking . . .

Tech center: everyone has heard of it, but does everyone really know what it is all about?

As an alternative to the typical seven academic class schedule, students may choose a four academic class schedule with the remainder of their time spent across the street at the Chesterfield Technical Center. Here, students can choose anything from landscaping to nursing to photography to dentistry. Those students who do choose the Tech Center alternative have the benefit of a hands-on experience.

ERIN HUNDLEY

I can hear your heart beat. Katrina Graham checks Brad Mustain's pulse and practices her nursing skills.

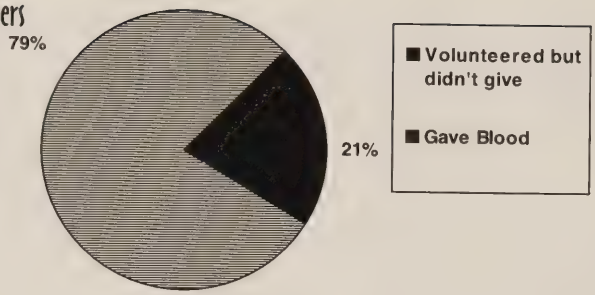
Cosmetology seems to be a popular choice among the high school students. (You know, the people carrying around heads with big hair.) Senior Stephanie Hewlett says, "one day I might want to be a beautician, but for now I'm learning a lot about something that interests me, and that's fun." Hewlett also said that the best thing about going to Tech was mixed classes with surrounding schools and even some adults. The adults take classes just like the students but they can leave and go out to lunch during their break.

Another student who opts for the Tech Center Schedule is senior Katrina Graham. Graham is in the nursing program, and has two types of "Tech days." One day, the classroom day, nursing skills are taught and practiced on fellow students. The other day is the hands-on day. This is the more exciting and eventful day. Graham said, "we report to our assigned patients at Lucy Corr Nursing Home. We help with their breakfast, baths, and lunches." Graham says, "This sounds low-stress and worry-free; however it doesn't always run smoothly."

by erin carter hundley and jacqueline lauren kniska

Be a hero; it's in your blood

A comparison between volunteers and those who actually gave blood; of the 91 students who signed up to donate.



What's the best thing about giving blood?

"It's the best thing that I can do for society."

JR Evans

Jocelyn Woodward

"I saved three lives and got out of class."

Andy Brown

"Watching my blood flow into the tube."

"Knowing that I helped save a life."

Ben Welchel

At the first mention of needles people usually scatter as fast as they can. On May 1, the students and faculty proved that they could handle the prick of a needle for a good cause. The Key Club sponsored the annual blood drive helping the American Red Cross. Getting people to make a commitment is difficult, until you mention the words "get out of class." "Knowing that I had the opportunity to help save a person's life and get out of class, I signed up," said senior Jocelyn Woodward. Many people could not be convinced quite as easily. Senior Amber Ozmar said, "I faint just at the sight of a needle." Students who donate blood have to be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and get permission from a parent. In most cases people agreed that they really could not feel the needle. Each pint of blood given can potentially save three lives. People overcame their fear of needles to help a good cause.

by amy nichelle matthews

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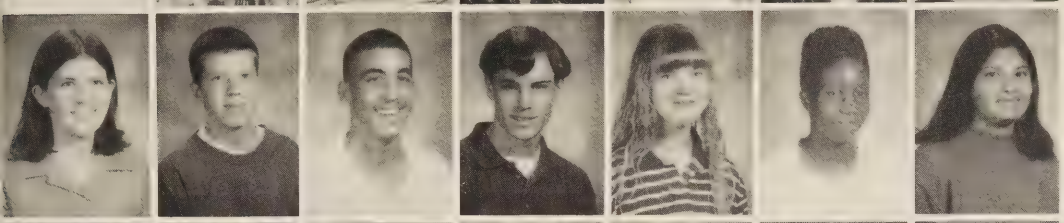

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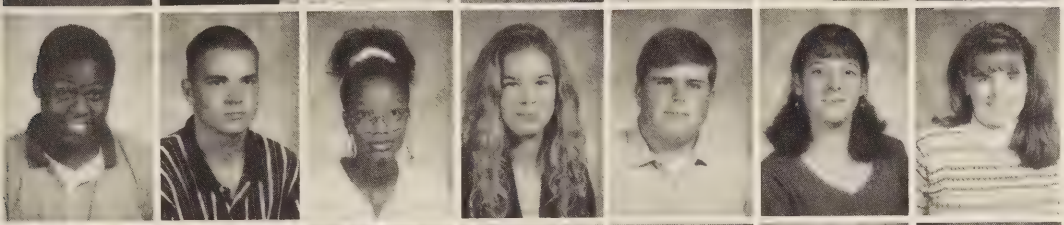

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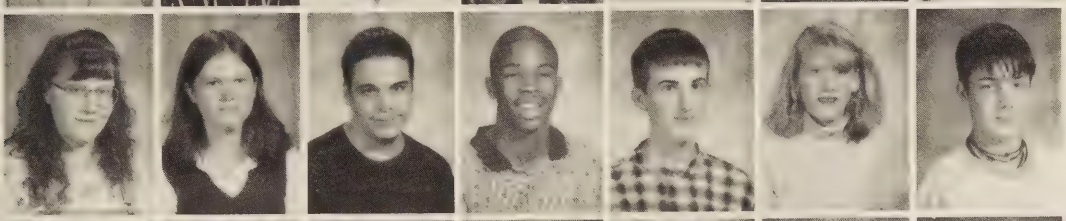

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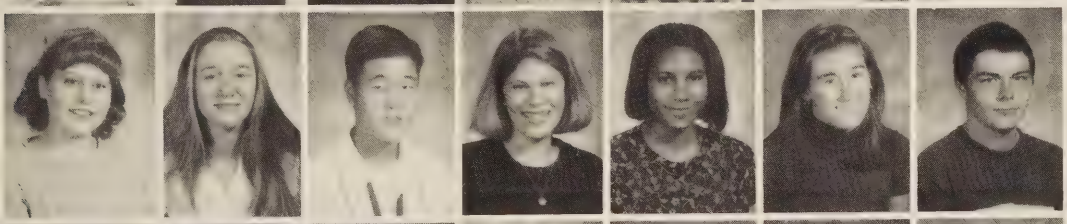

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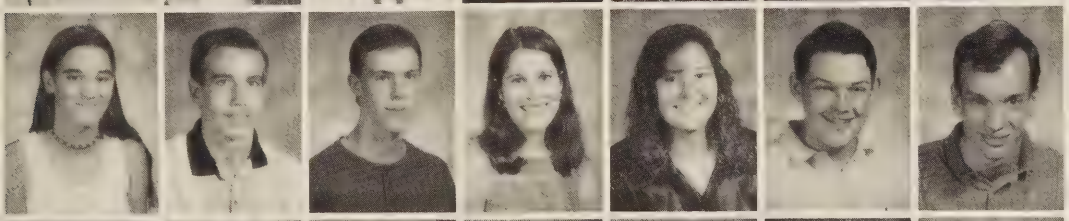

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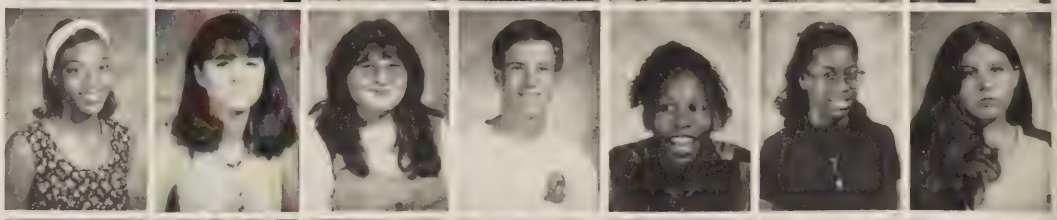

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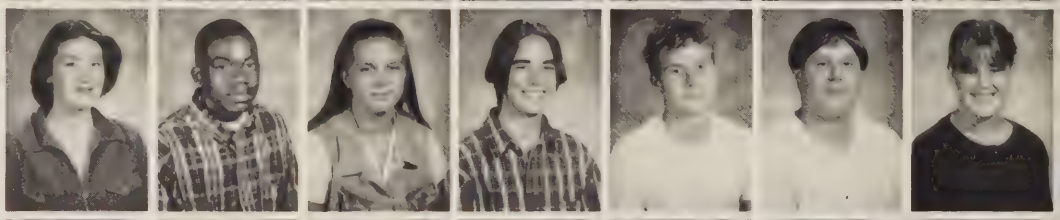

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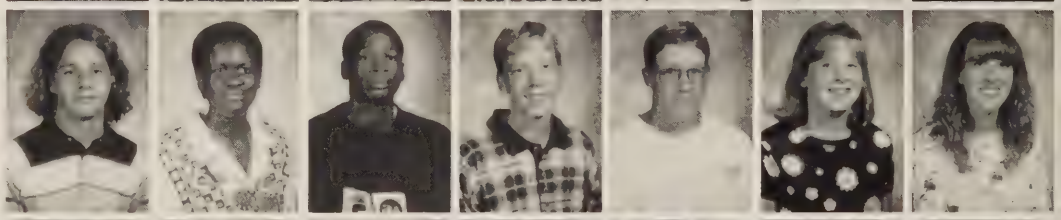

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Desperatly SEEKing students

Who's helping who? "I volunteer my time to help Christina, but truthfully she has helped me," said Lisa Coward.

AMY MATTHEWS

What is your favorite Preschool board game?

"Life, because I got hitched!"

Lauren Cumbia

Annie Gill

"Candyland - I always won."

Derek Meyer

"Stratego, I had to use my wit to outsmart the other guy."

"Operation, because it was cool."

Sara Little

by amy michelle matthews

The days of elementary school seem very distant to most people, but one group of students feel as if they never left. Five days a week, students from Bird visit Bellwood Elementary School, and participate in a program called S.E.E.K; Students Educating and Enjoying Kids. Through this program high school students help elementary children who are having difficulties learning. Ms. Chisholm, a teacher at Bellwood, coordinated the program through SCA last year, and the trend has stuck. In many cases, the high schoolers learn of the many needs that children have. Neil Carty, a senior, said, "I enjoy helping people in need, and maybe the kids will end up being happier people." The kids seem to bring out a side of the tutors many people never get to see. " S.E.E.K is a wonderful program because I'm just as big of a kid as they are, and I can be myself," said senior Haylie Lum.

The Bellwood kids also ventured into Bird territory to see what a regular high school day was all about. This field trip is designed to encourage the kids to stay in school, and to never give up. "The kids see that we care and that makes all the difference," said senior Tennille Chisholm. With the ideals of education, fun, and respect the kids get a little extra push of encouragement as they work through school. Junior Laina Eckard said, "I hope that my help may make a child learn better, and realize that someone in the world cares a whole lot for them."

by erin carter hundley and jacqueline lauren kniska

Legs, faces, heads, armpits, stomachs and toes. You name it and it has probably been shaven by someone somewhere. American customs have established that when women 'dare to bare,' they shave their legs and armpits. It has become customary. Men, by society's standards, shave their faces unless intentionally growing facial hair. Senior Neil Carty grins and says, "Yeah, I admit, every now and then it's fun to experiment; you can always grow it out or shave it off."

Off-the-wall shaving habits are sometimes prompted by sports. Amusingly, guys shave their lower legs, taping ankles for extra support. "It doesn't bother me; I do it because I have to," freshman Phillip Bernier shrugs.

On a more intense level, some guys and girls shave down their entire bodies. This act is usually committed out of a dedication to the sport of swimming. Junior Nationals swim competitor and sophomore Dale Glass proudly offers, "I love shaving down my body because I get to feel all silky and smooth."

Sometimes one shaves for the sake of the general public and sometimes one shaves for fun. Shaving could be an inexpensive way to create a whole new look. Whatever the reason for shaving, beware: razors can be considered dangerous tools. Becky Kirkman gives the tip to use lots of shaving cream to decrease cuts and razor burn.

The Buzz...

What about shaving?

"I need to."

Gideon Elliot

Daniel Poole

"The basketball team shaved their legs. I kept doing it for a while, but couldn't afford the scars."

Mr. Shaver

"Have I always had a mustache? You should see my baby pictures!"

"Shaving is like life: a painful necessity that doesn't always come out right."

Beth Repole

Two out of three men agree. Cayce Orion and Mark Wall give the thumbs up sign for their shaving experiments.

I can't make up my mind. Senior Jeff Cole is naked on top and hairy on the bottom.

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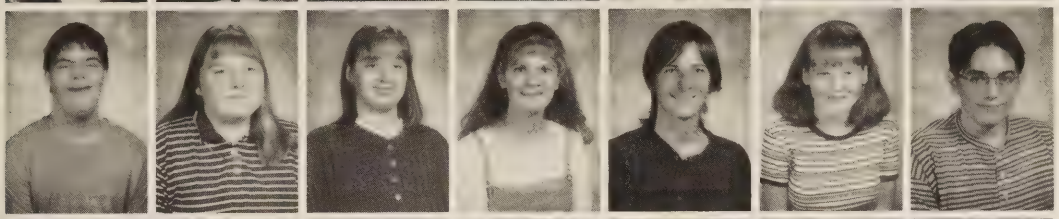

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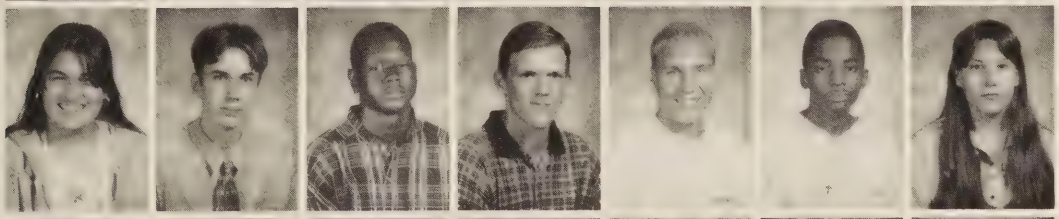

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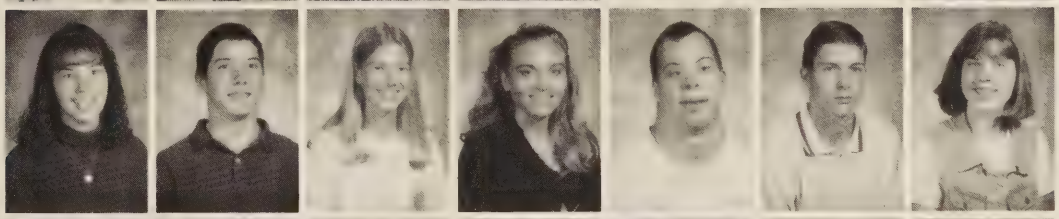

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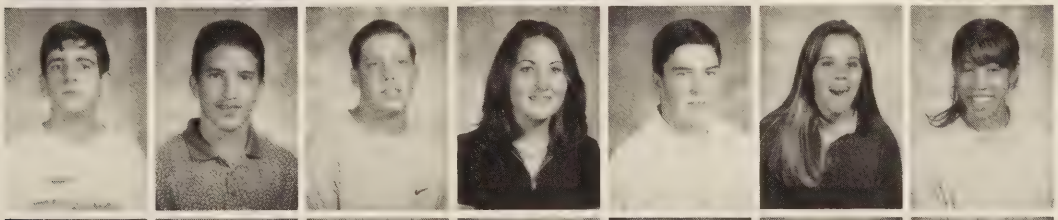

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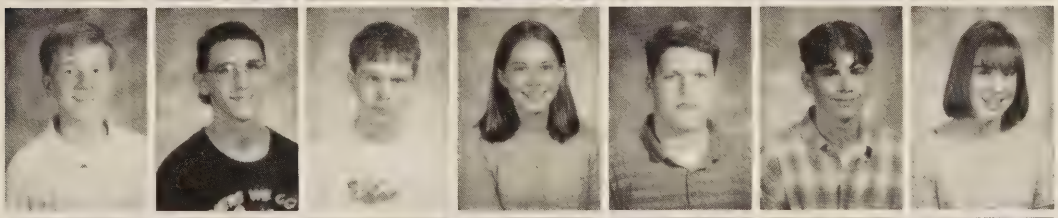

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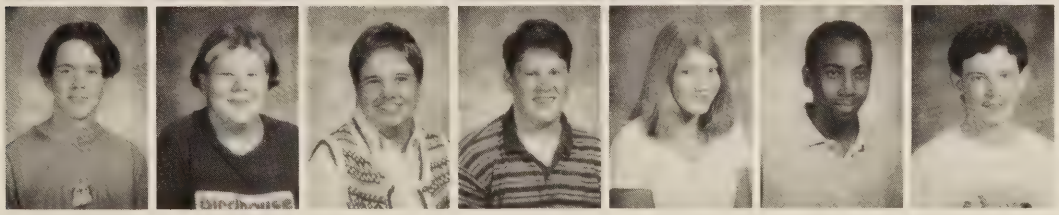

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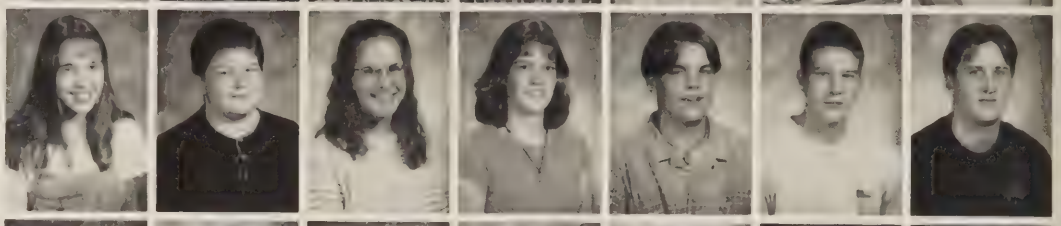

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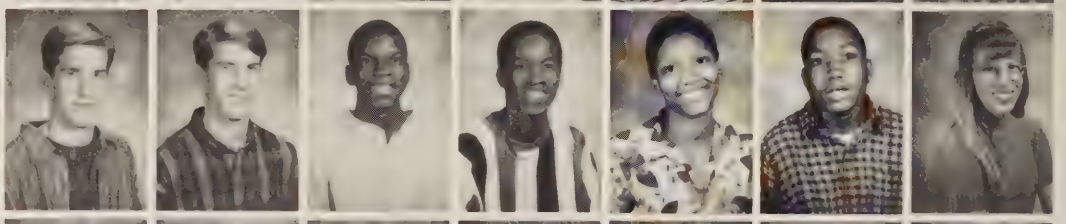

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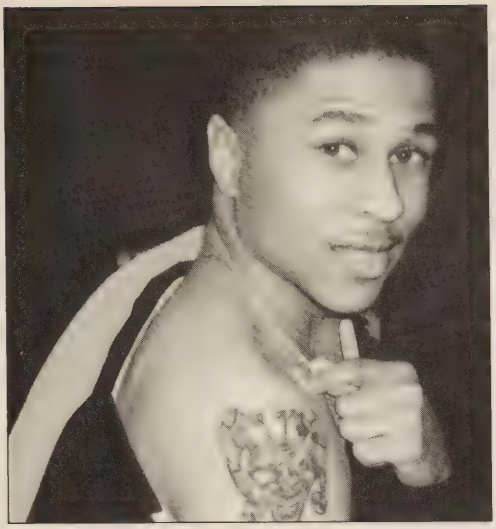
Zachary Young

I'll show you mine if you show me yours

by erin carter hundley and jacqueline lauren kniska

Playing the odds. "My tattoo has become my good luck charm;now I always play my cards right." Senior Marquis Payne said he chose a joker because it fits his personality.



ERIN HUNDLEY

"I love my tattoo, but I hate having to show everyone my ankle."

Brooke Craze

Allison Randolph

"Now, that I've had my traguse pierced I'm not afraid of anything."

Dionne Porter

"Some ask why...I say why not."

"Who said love doesn't hurt?"

Donnie Schoot

Tattoos and body piercings are coming into the hallways from a wave of rock star influence. A decade ago, body art was thought to be weird; only for people trying to find their identity. Now, body art is considered a norm.

Why would someone want to put a permanent hole or graphic design on their body? Senior Stacie Scott said she got her belly button peirced because her mother paid for it. On the other hand, most pierced and tattooed students admit the only reason they got their permanent mark was to rebel against their parents. Freshman Chris Widener is afraid to get a tattoo because "mom would rip my arm off and kick me out of the house."

After conquering their parents, one must decide what they want and where to put it. Freshman Justin Obermier decided to get a piercing because "Erica Godwin said she would kiss me if I got a tongue bar." Another aspect of this craze is to draw attention..."I got my name tattooed on by bicep hoping it would put focus on my muscle when I shoot the ball," said Colin Pendell.

In fifty years, this generation will definitely be the most decorated group of grandmas and grandpas.

Almost the end of the road

by jacqueline lauren kniska

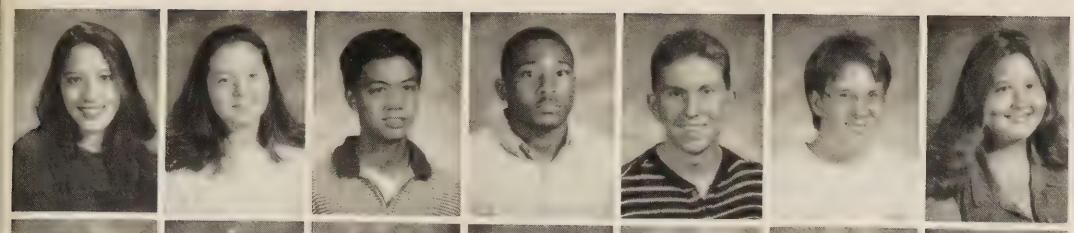
Junior class officers (l to r): Ms. Ridout, President Nancy Caramucci, Vice President Julie Cash, Treasurer Nicole Brown, Secretary Khaliah Wrenn, Ms. Winn.

No longer underclassmen, yet not quite running the school, juniors sum up their year as stressful. This one word says so much for each member of the junior class. It is common knowledge that this year is the last serious year, the year colleges look at. Making the grade this year is what counts. "It's hard being in classes with seniors toward the end of the year. They've already been accepted to their colleges or have their after high school plans set. When their "senioritis" hits, I'm still stressing over final exams!" junior Kelly Burleson gripes.

On a lighter note, the juniors did have fun this year socially. The junior class officers had the traditional job of taking care of prom. This year, for a change of pace, a band was hired for the musical entertainment. 'Above the Clouds' was agreed upon as the theme. Prom planning was the biggest chore the officers took on. Although the juniors did not do much as a class, vice president Julie Cash positively states, "we have had much support from the class and our sponsors. We are looking forward to being seniors next year."

After the final bell rang on June 12th, juniors could finally say, "three down and one to go."

Juniors have it together; teammates and best of friends.



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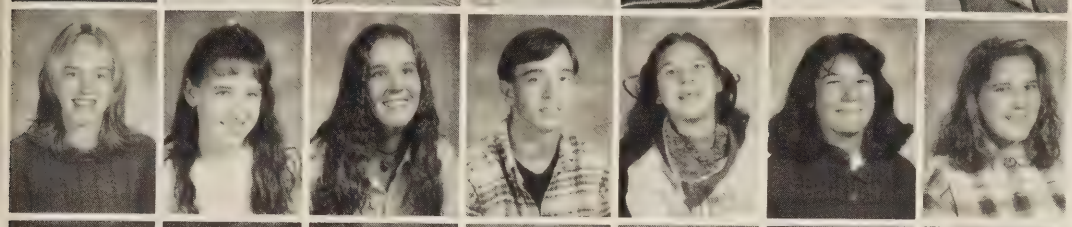

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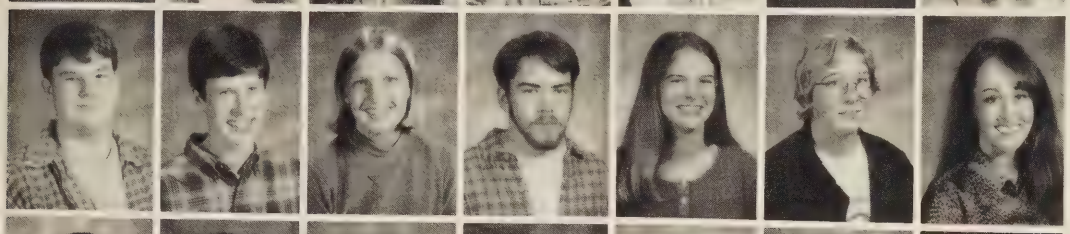

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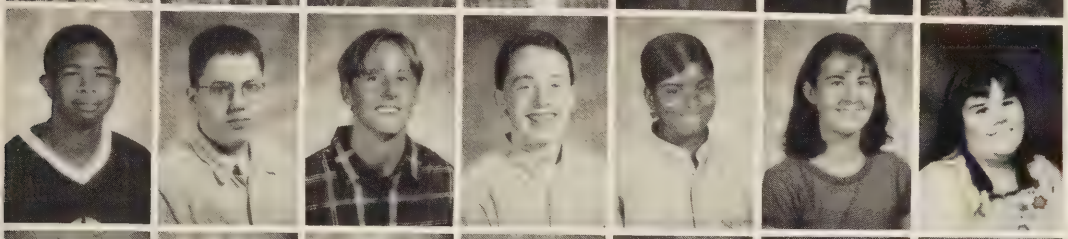

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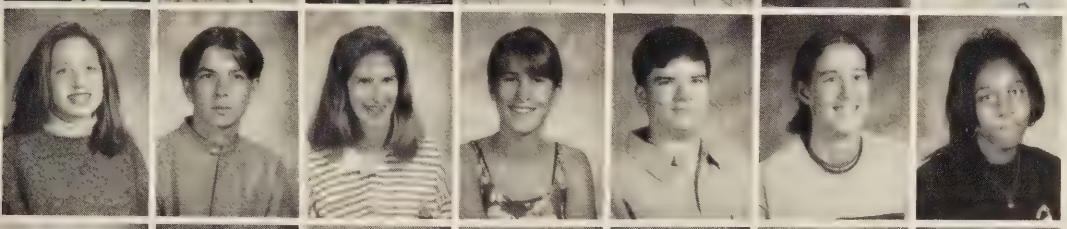

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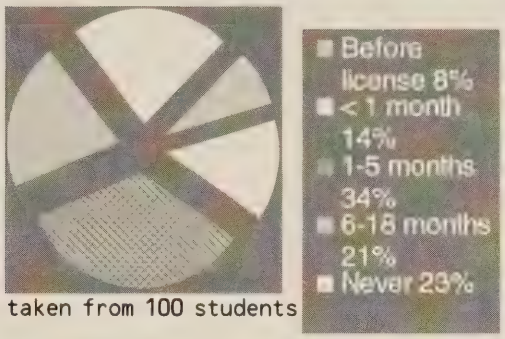
Too Many Pedestrians Too Little Time

Crash Into Me

How long had one had their license before they had a misfortune on the road?



survey taken from 100 students

"My best friend and I both got speeding tickets going the same exact speed in the same exact place-CRAZY!"

Haylie Lum

Evan Green

"I only drive my bike."

Julie Capel

"I did not hit the deer, the deer hit me!"

"I told the cop that the reason I was going so fast was that I did not have air conditioning and I was trying to pick up some wind."

Tina Fabulic

Road Rules: A Love Story

by erin carter hundley and jacqueline lauren kniska

RECNTLY 1 THUG had taken BOW DWN to his QWNEE when CUTN 2VT to pick her a PRTFLWR. ANYWAYZ, it got SKERI when TUBA GAI in her PEA GRN SUGR JET, had a MJR-TUDE and made a 2LN PASS. She PHISHT-ailed into 1 THUG and QWNEE forcing them to be BORN 2RN. Fortunately, 1UVP 4U witnessed the 2LN PASS. All were in a RD FURY until PAPA BRR, BUGGLS, GANDER, and AIR DOG ha D KICKS making DUBL PLY moves on TUBA GAI until she apologized to 1 THUG and QWNEE giving them lots of XS-N-OS !

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Animal farm

PURRfect. Josh Russell put it nicely when he said, "The best medicine in the world sometimes is just hanging out with your cat."

Most everyone will agree that their animals are crazy, loving, and a load of fun. When it seems as though times can't get any worse, many turn to their pets for some TLC. Rachel Marie Burnsed, a junior, commented, "My cat means so much to me because she's always there for me, and she actually cares."

Having fun with your animals is just as important as human companionship, sometimes. Junior Jennifer Atkinson said, "I used to paint my dog's fingernails for fun." Others will say that their animals are naturally crazy, and cause their owners to laugh about the pets' adventures. Junior Candace Wells said, "my hamster decided one day to break out of his cage and go for shelter under my dresser."

Have you ever seen your animal eat something really crazy? You are not alone, according to sophomore Craig Ainsworth, who said, "my cat loves to eat pork rinds and cheese Doritos." Junior Tracy Krusniak said, "my horse beats everybody; he eats watermelons, candy canes, and drinks Coke."

All pets may not be as offbeat as these, but most of us feel as if pets are family. No matter how they act they're always going to be there, as a shoulder to cry on or as comic relief.

by jennifer lee wilson

Girl's best friend. Rachel Fabian said, "Jake's a loving dog and he protects the house- he won't turn on me no matter what."

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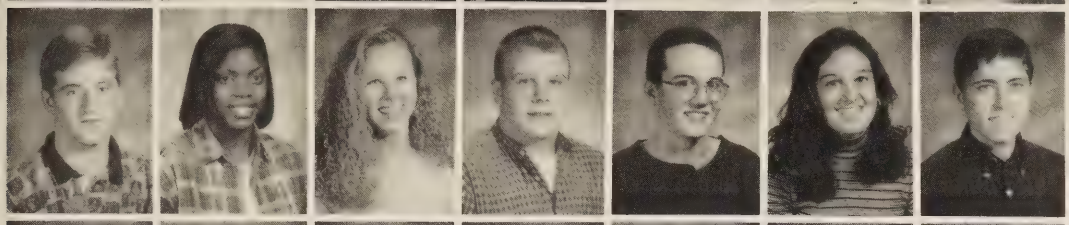

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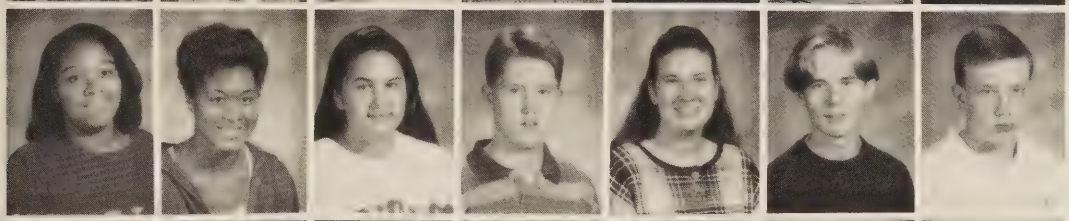

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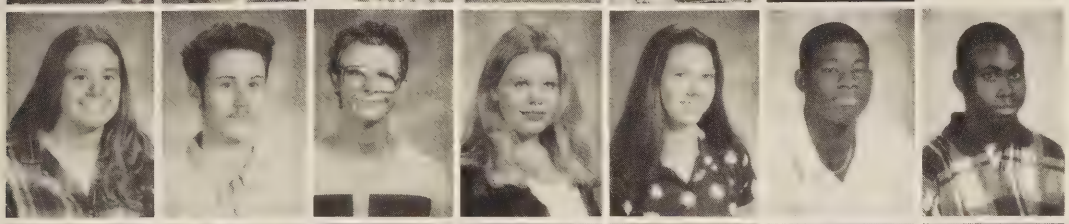

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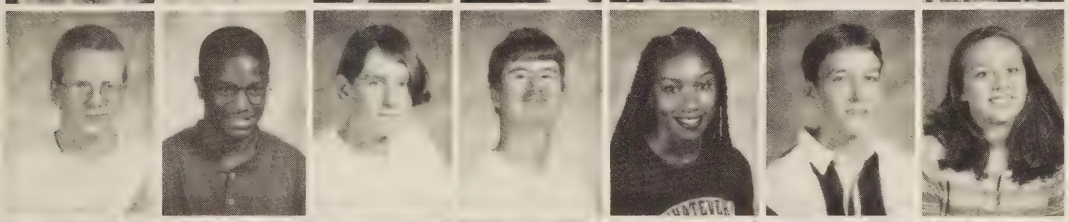

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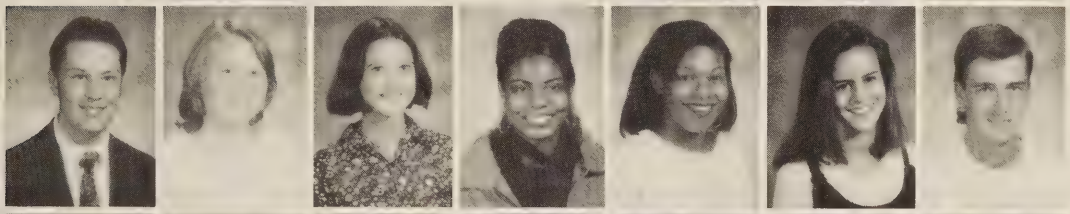

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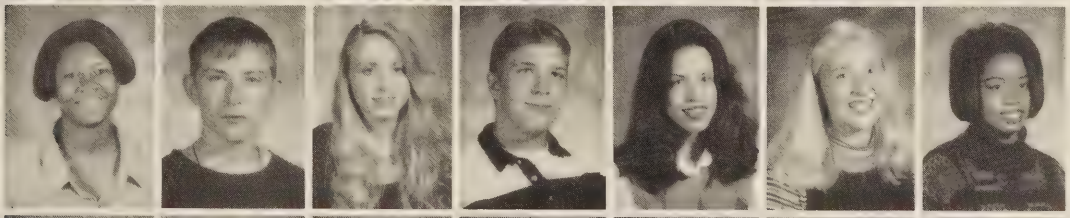

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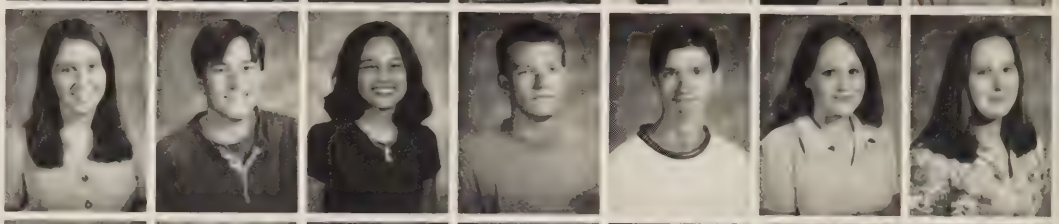

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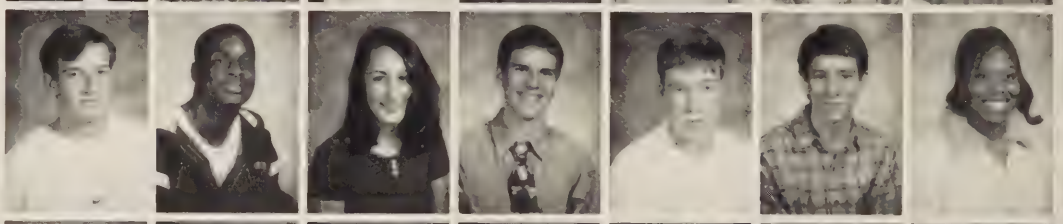

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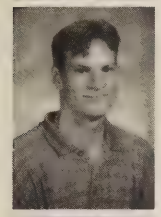


...you could make one fairytale come true with yourself as the main character...

"Aladdin, I think it would be cool to ride a magic carpet."
Lindsey Halbert

"Sleeping Beauty, so I could be woken up by my Prince."
Brandi Henry

"VANILLA"
Tom Richardson

"CHICKEN"
Jason Talley

... everything in the world had to have one smell...

"Roe Vs. Wade" Justin Sharry

...you could serve on any jury in history...

"OJ Simpson"
Josh Cloudt

by jacqueline
lauren kniska

"Jim Morrison"
Alex Wang

"Frederick Douglas"
Sarah Rousseau

...your house could be haunted by the ghost of one person from history...

"John Lennon"
Adrienne Jackson

"Malcom X"
Jeff Cole

This is only a TEST

PEMMY PETERMAN

The members of TEST (l to r): Mandy Mangus, Lauren Jackson, Hella Lamb, Adriane Pearce, Nicole Mosz, Jessica David, and Mary Mosz.

The TEST program, (Teaching Elementary Students Today), was initiated by the American Lung Association. It was developed to help teach elementary-aged students about lung health, smoking, asthma, and pollution.

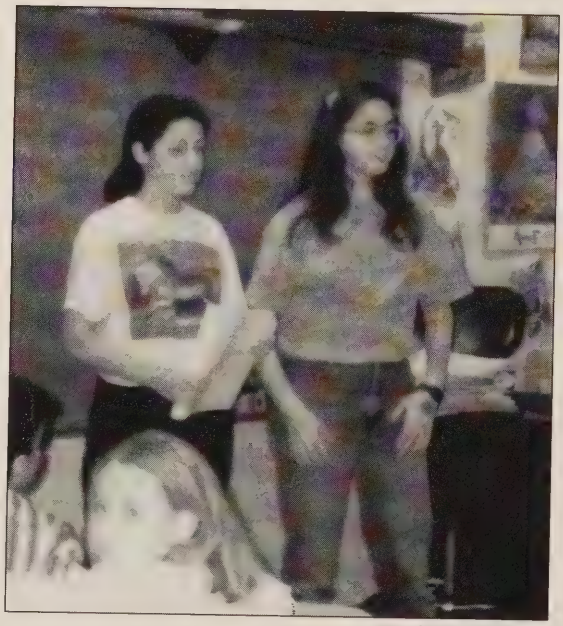
Once a month after school, the eleven students involved go to the fourth graders at O.B. Gates Elementary School. "Bird is the first high school in the county to be involved. We [the members] hope it will be successful, and that the program will continue next year," Nicole Mosz said. Mosz was the student with the idea to start TEST. "I heard a friend of mine talking about it. She was in the program at the Governor's School. I love teaching the kids and learning at the same time," she stated.

"I wanted to give something back to the community. Besides, the elementary students look forward to it every month," Shelby Blair, another member, said.

The program is successful so far. "We work with the younger students, in order to catch them early on. We hope to impact them, so they will remember the information, and use it in the peer pressure situations they will be later faced with," Mrs. Peterman, school nurse and leader of the program, said.

by kimberly faith eagles

Making a difference. Laina Eckard and Mandy Mangus teach a fourth grade class about the lungs.



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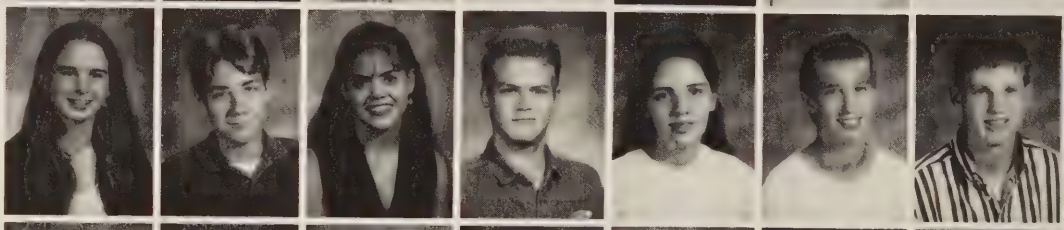

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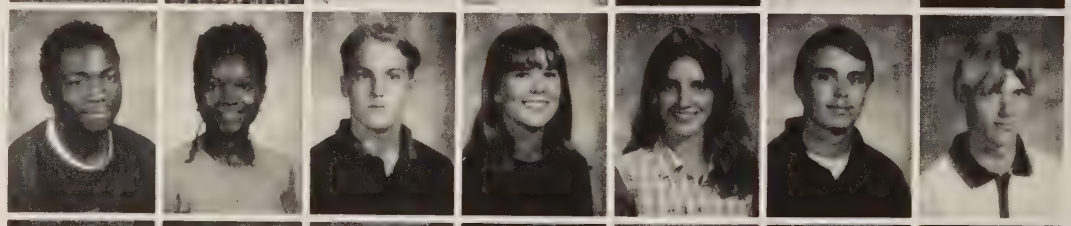

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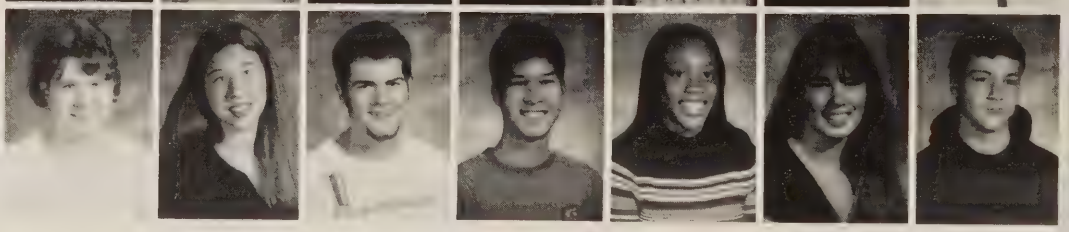
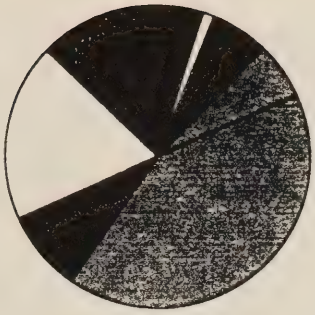


Extra Credit or Extra Work?

by amy michelle matthews

The breakdown of the AP Exams taken for 1996-97. 83 exams were taken overall.



What's the hardest thing about Advanced Placement Classes?

"Taking five AP classess at the same time."

Matt Joosse

Kelly Burleson

"I'm only a junior taking college level courses. It's tough."

Thomas Lee

"Trying to juggle the AP exams with all of my other classes."

Being in an AP class is a lot of work! The tests are really hard!

Lanre Omojokun

Many students say that school is hard enough, but the students who take Avanced Placement classes make it harder on themselves. These AP classes offer many seniors, as well as some juniors, the opportunity to exempt some college classes. The final exam must be passed in order to place out of future classes. With limited time, teachers often have a difficult time teaching all of the material which will appear on the exam. "Studying for the AP history exam was a challenge because I was studying extra chapters and assigned chapters at the same time," said senior Jennifer Waiton. Most students tried to keep a level head during all of the testing, but after a while exhaustion took over. Senior Matt Joosse said, "I took five AP classes, and five exams, and now I'm worn out." In all of the upheaval everyone agreed that they were glad they had put in the extra time for the exam. Kelly Burleson said, "By taking the Latin exam as a junior my scores can be kept so I can get credit when I apply to colleges." Through all of the tremendous testing the students kept up their morale, and anticipated the arrival of the scores in July. "I'm glad I took all of my tests," said senior Lisa Coward, "waiting was almost as bad as studying."

DAVID CALDWELL

Senior Class officers from left to right: Sponsor Ms. Kristen Anonick, President Corrie Ward, Vice President Lauren Cumbia, Secretary Haylie Lum, and Treasurer Mike Joosse

What do you like most about being a senior?

"Knowing that I don't have to come back next year."

Jennifer Ogden

Janet Atkinson

"I get to exempt my exams."

Neil Carty

"I get to start all over. It's a new beginning."

"I know I'm getting ready to graduate."

Meredith Byrnes

The senior class officers just may have the toughest job of the year. Trying to organize activities for 4oo people and trying to please them all. On a grand scale, putting together the homecoming float and asking local businesses for senior discounts seems small. They also planned the senior picnic, senior week and graduation. "Getting the picnic together has been fun, but crazy at the same time," said Vice-President Lauren Cumbia. The officers and reps collected dues, had meetings, and publicized in order to inform the senior class about all of the activites. Through all of this exhausting work, the officers still managed to smile while awaiting all of their hard work to pay off. President Corrie Ward said, "Being senior class President has been one of my most memorable high school experiences."

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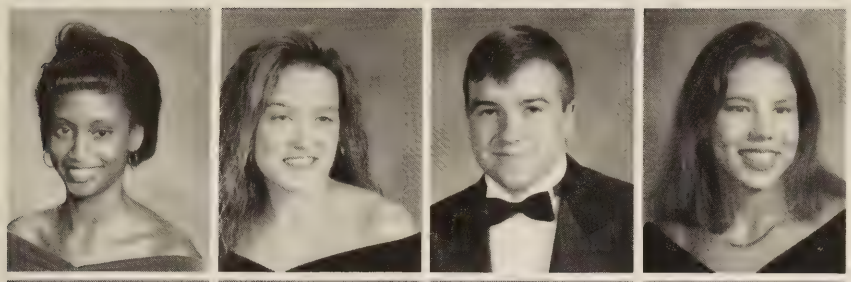

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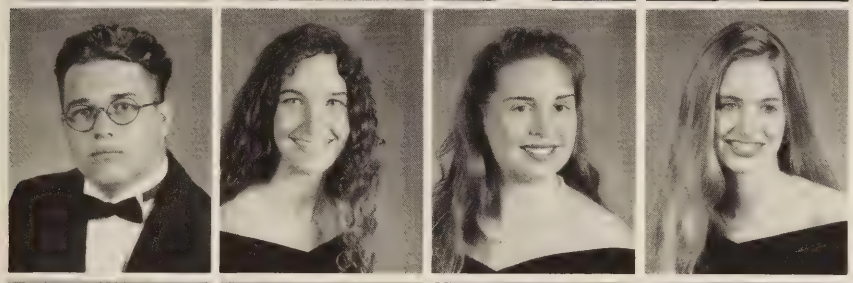

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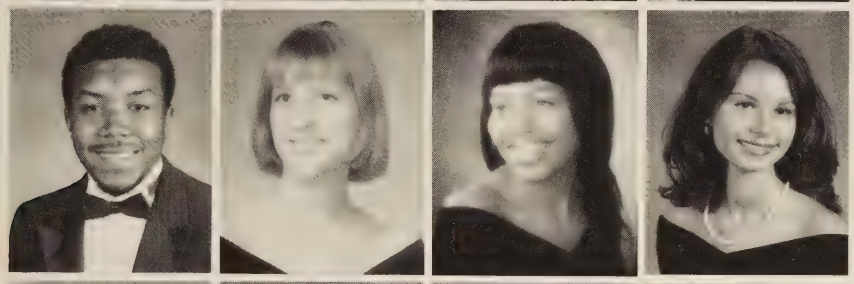

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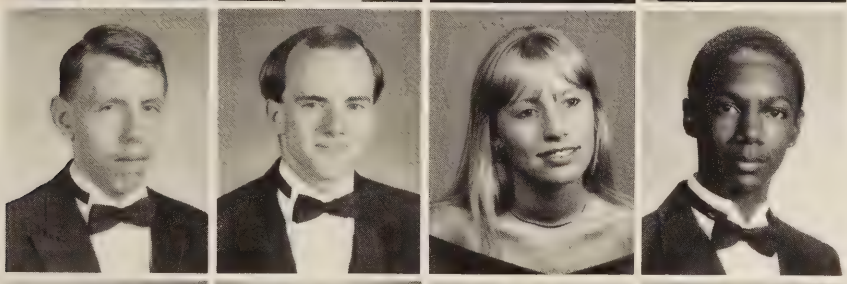

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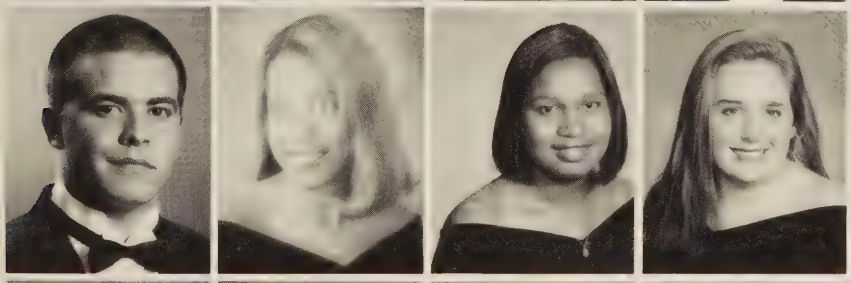

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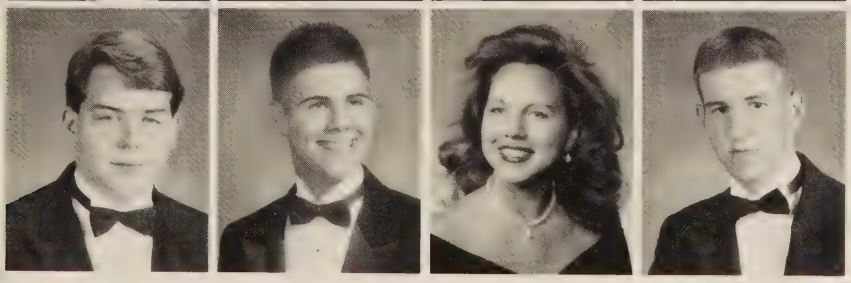

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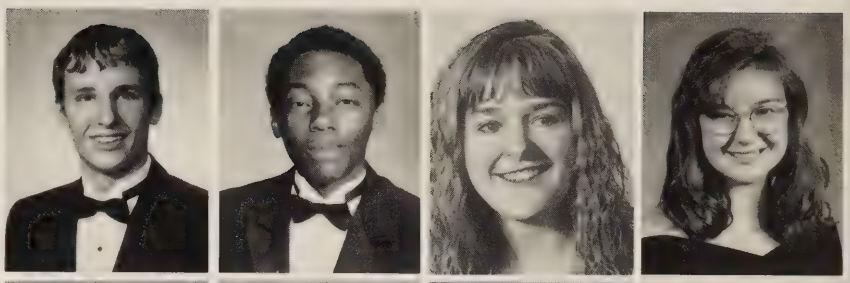

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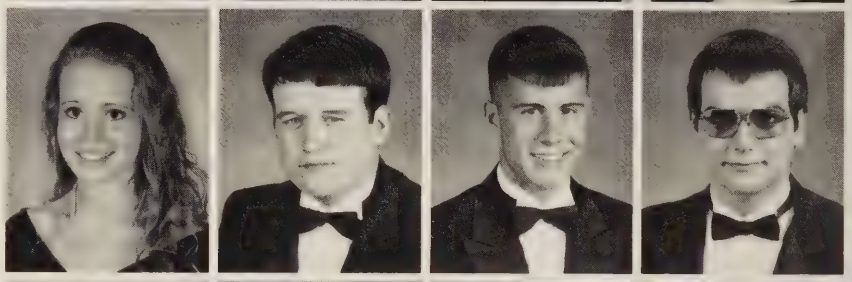

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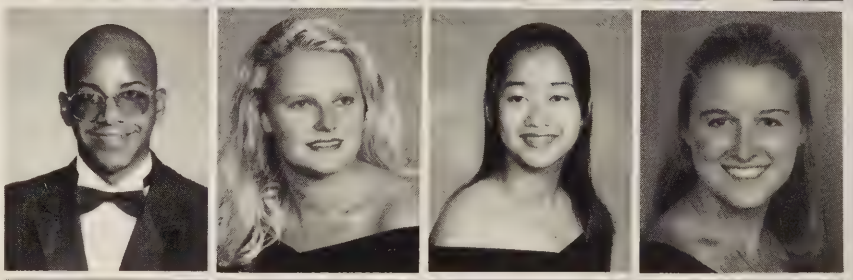

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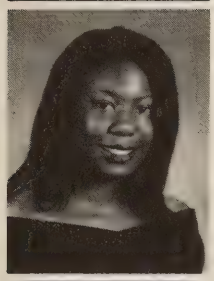
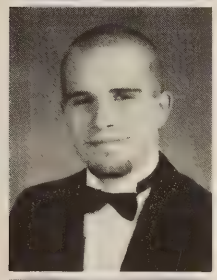
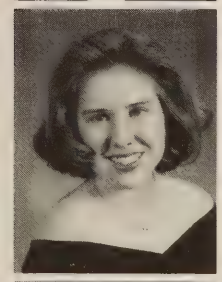
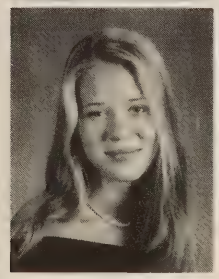
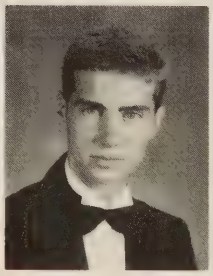
What are your plans for the near future?











"I plan to attend Longwood College in the fall."

Jessica Burnette

Amber Ozmar

"I chose Mary Baldwin College because they accepted me!"

Jeff Creed

"We're going to jet out to South Dakota this summer. We'd much rather go to 'South Dakota Week' than Beach Week."

Jacob Harkins

Many juniors are hit with the sudden realization that the fast-approaching school year would bring important choices and decisions to be made. By the middle of their senior year, most students had a tentative idea of their future plans.

When asked about what seniors thought their futures might hold, many of them had plans for college in the fall. Tina Fabulic said, "I'm going to the West Coast to get as far away from Chesterfield County as possible. After seeing some of the West Coast, I'll go to Western State of Colorado."

Tenille Chisholm and Brandon Farris were among those in the senior class who made the decision to attend a military school, namely the Virginia Military Institute. They will be part of the first coed class at VMI. "I chose to go to VMI because I look foward to the challenge," Farris said. Chisholm explained her decision by saying, "I have always wanted to go to a school with a good name, and it just so happens that this oppurtunity came along."

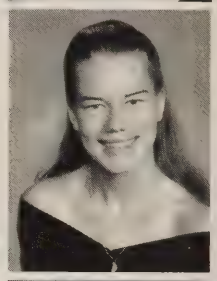
Josh Boyd took a slightly different route by signing up to join the Marines. "I chose the Marine Corps because of the financial benfits and the chance to see more of the world," he explained.

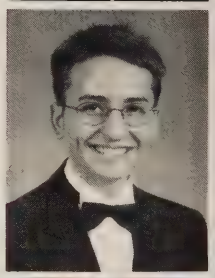
Although confusion and indecisiveness ruled, many found their futures beginning to take shape.

by meghan ann grabow

Proud of his lunch. Freshman Van Smith eats his free lunch for making PRIDE. "Lunch is a good time to do unfinished homework so I can stay on the Pride List," said Smith.

AMY MATTHEWS





What Is Your Favorite Midnight Snack?

"Rice Krispies because they talk to me."

Jason Chin

Hillary Scott

"Frosted Flakes because I like the tiger."

Deidre Murphy

"Chips for those midnight munchies."

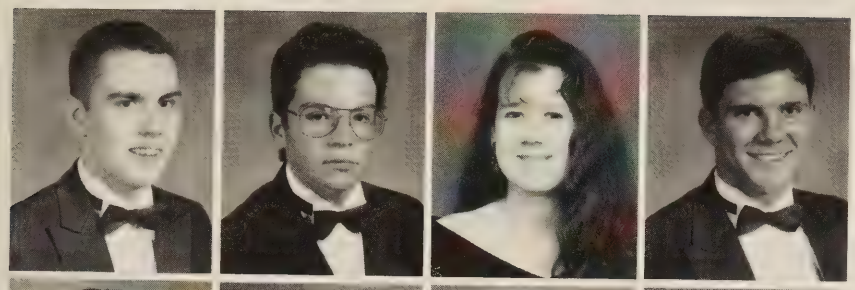
"Cookies so I can dunk them in milk."

Cameron Dixon

by amy michelle matthews

For many years, a distinct sound rises above all others and brings together many people for the prospect of friends and food. This e flat tone signals the beginning of lunch, and variations in dietary preferences emerge. These variations include vegetarians, health nuts, dieters, meat eaters and junk food lovers who converge around one table to eat in harmony. Why? Different people choose why they want to eat what they eat. As a runner, senior Meredith Byrnes sticks to a healthy, no junk food diet. "I could not run without my diet of bananas and pasta; no sodas or candy." The vegetarians and vegans among the crowd do not eat meat or any animal by products. Lauren Cumbia, a senior, said, "I do not eat meat as a personal boycott, and to know that I live a cruel-free life."

Without the many different loves of food, the lunchroom would become boring. All of these people share a love of food; however their unique tastes make for exciting lunch atmospheres.



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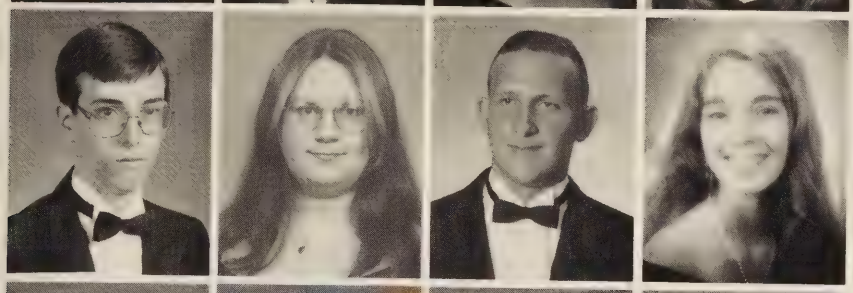

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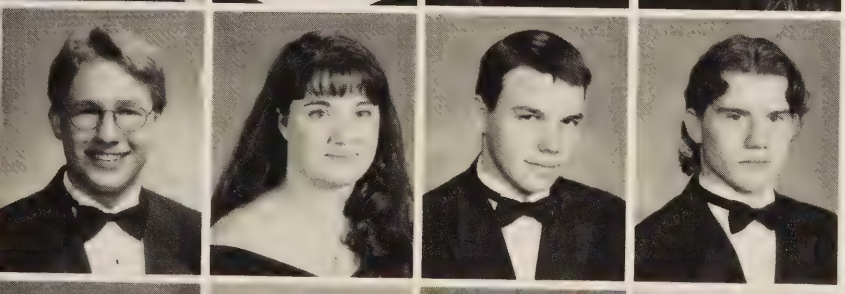

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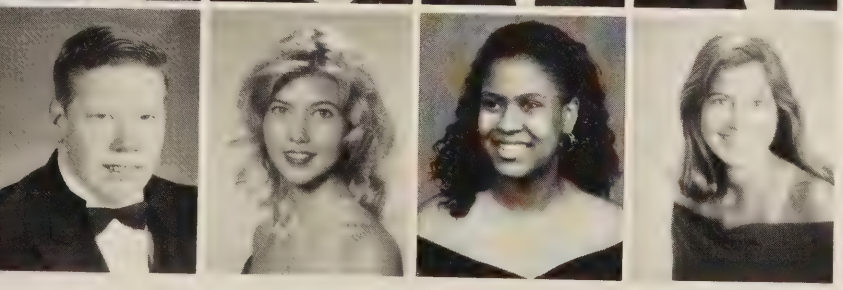

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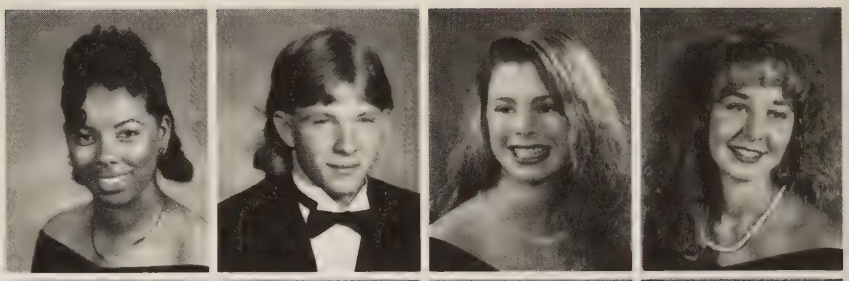

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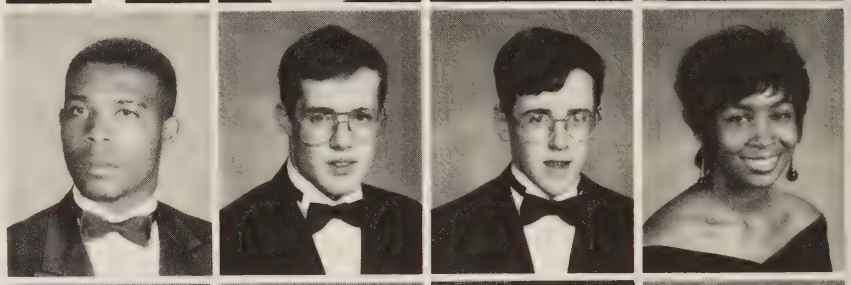

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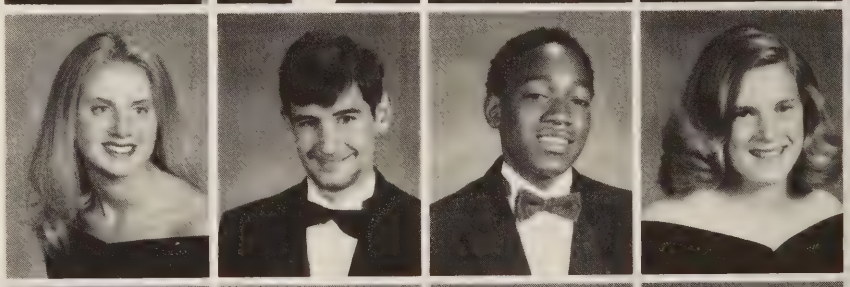

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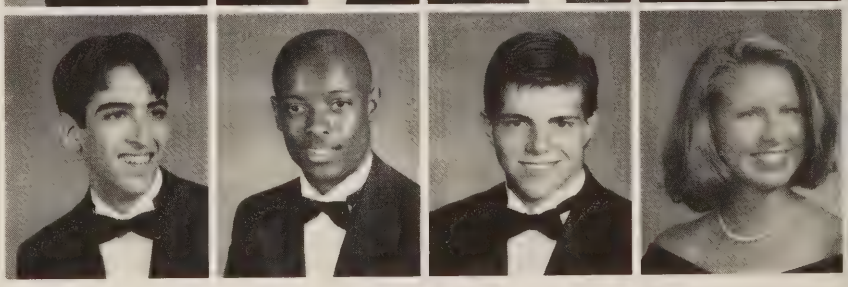
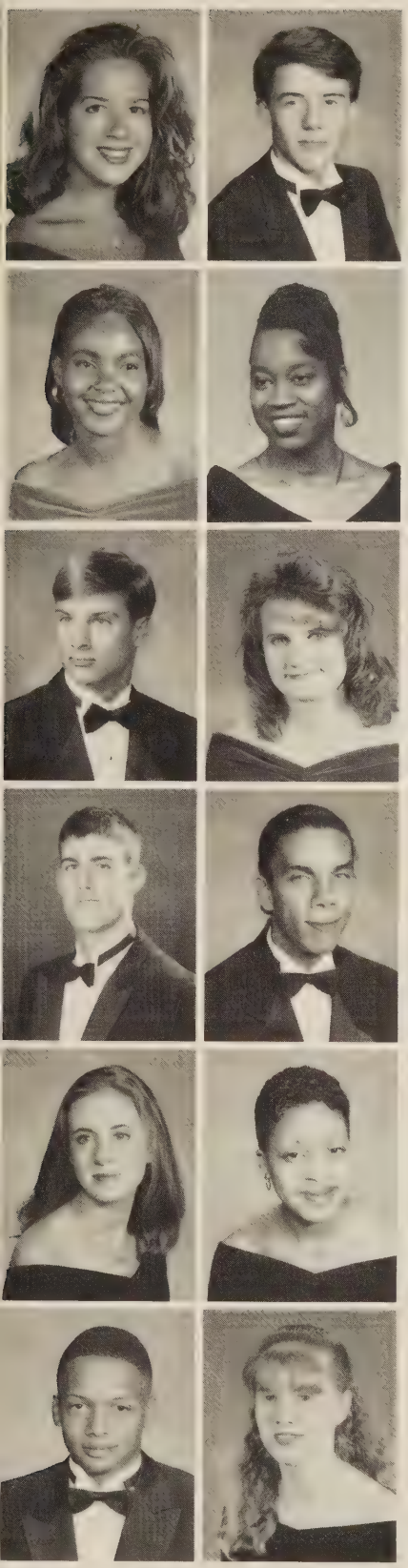




Fantasy or reality? Senior Amber Ozmar catches up on her sleep during class.

AMY MATTHEWS

What is your weirdest nightmare about high school?

"I'm running down the halls and G.I. Joe is chasing me."

Joe Mehalko

Lindsey Campbell

"I come to school and I'm naked. "

Courtney Pollard

"In the show choir, all of the girls' dresses fall off on stage."

"I forget my cap and gown and I have to graduate in my boxers."

Kevin Consedine

Mastering the opening of your locker, finding friends at lunch, and surviving the crowded hallways are just some of the fears seniors now express about their first day of high school. Seniors may act like their first day of school went without any flaws, but many seniors say they were scared out of their minds. Seniors Michael Robb, Wes Hitt, and Solomon Ogunware said, "I thought everybody would be bigger than me and beat me up." Other seniors had fears of being lost. "I never thought I'd get from my Geometry class to the English hall," said senior Alan Trammell. Upperclassmen also caused some fears in the underclassmen. Rachael Woodrum said, "I was afraid to ask upperclassmen for help because I knew they'd lead me in the wrong direction." Upperclassmen intimidated many people, especially Jessica Little. "It seemed like they were all going to pick on me," Little said. With time all of the freshman realized they had nothing to fear.

by amy michelle matthews

Home Is Where Your Stuff Is

Be Sure These Items are Escorting You to College

Top Ten Education Essentials:

10. Refrigerator
9. Favorite stuffed animal
8. Car
7. Your sweats
6. Stuff to make you smell good
5. Pictures of Mom
4. Clean underwear
3. Mom and Dad's money
2. Caffeine Pills
1. All the stuff Mom and Dad never let you touch at home!

What's the one thing you hope to avoid in your first year of college?

Tracie Hedwall

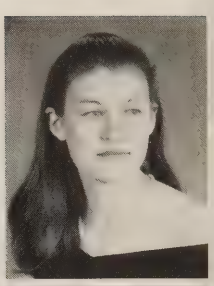
"I DON'T WANT TO GET

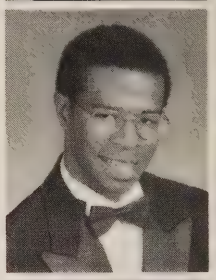
Whitney Mick

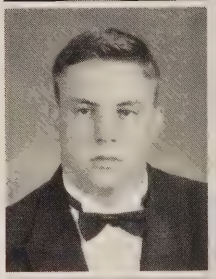
Jessica Little

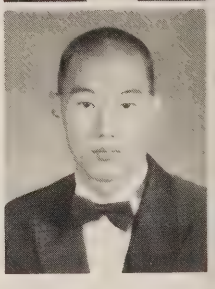
Fat!!!!"

Laurie Hobeck









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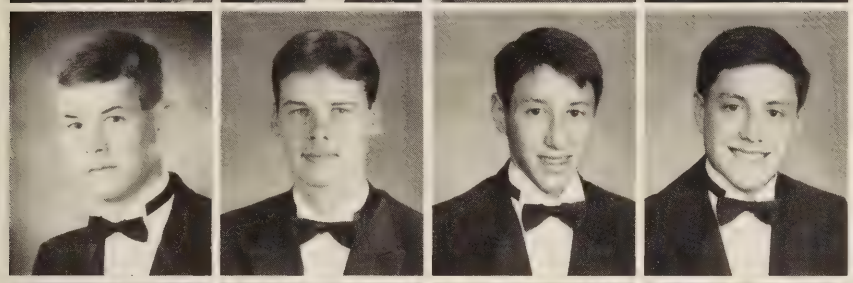

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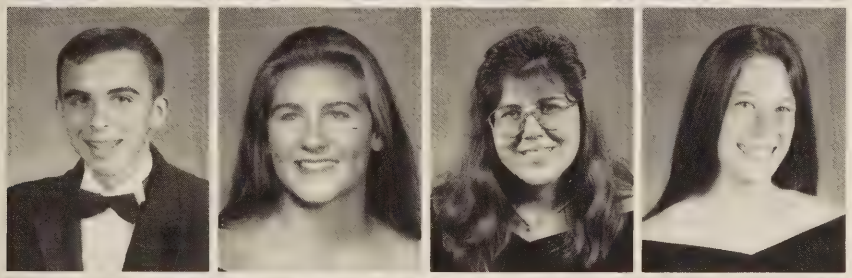

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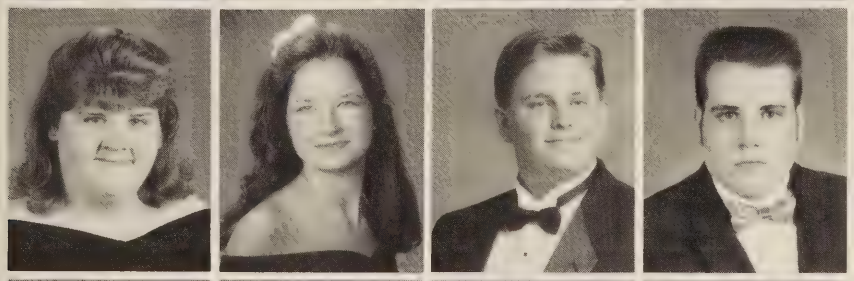

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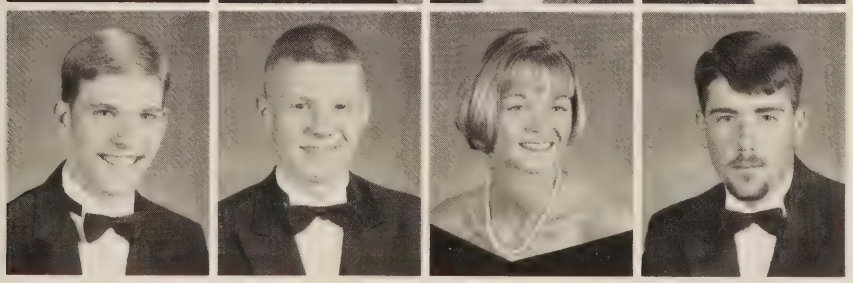

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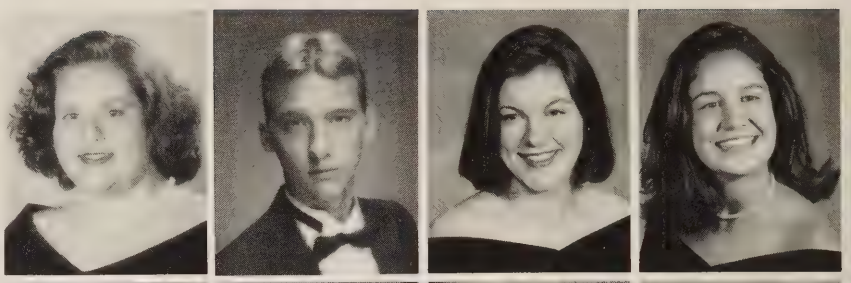

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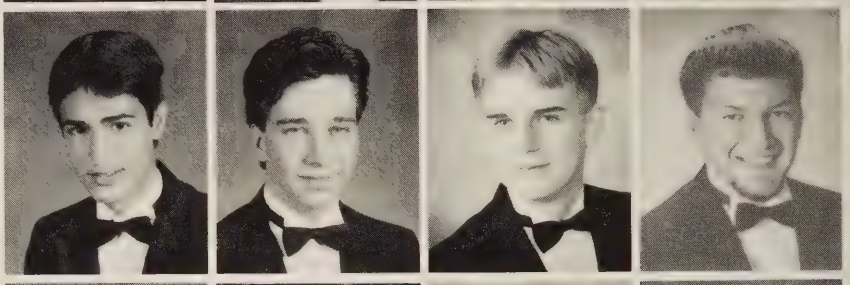

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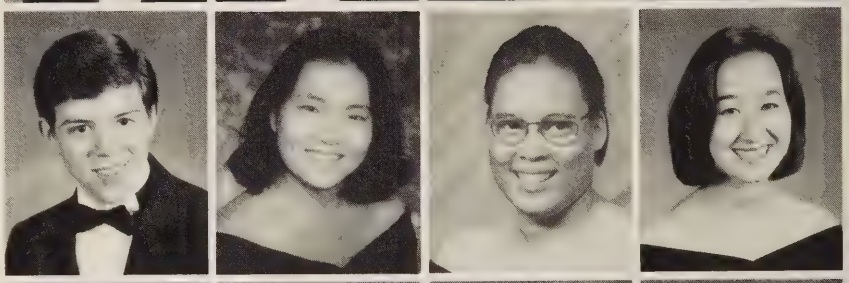

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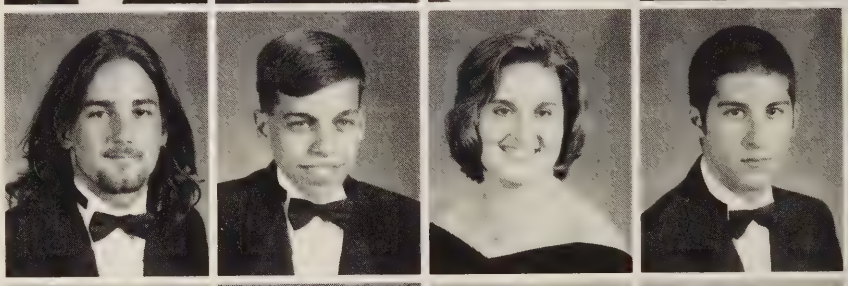

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Michael Anthony Natale II

Double Take

Ellen Degeneres

Laura Basehore

Scott Williams

Shaq

Ryan Jones

Tom Cruise

Where's Waldo?

Thomas Harbin

Mirror, Mirror on the wall... Look at the famous faces in the hall...

Jay Leno

Bo Harding

Mike Kristensen

George Clooney

Colin Richards

Tyson Beckford

Jodie Foster

Jessica Klecak

by jacqueline lauren kniska

Lefties are in, but are they right?

and lefties write wrong, right?

"Righty tighty, lefty loosey" is what one may think when working with a screw. Screws are one of the many items that require left to right wrist turning, thus more accomodating to right-handers. Calculator and telephone numbers are specifically laid out in a left to right design, again convenient for right-handers. Senior Doug Thomas said "scissors are made for the right-handed person." Automobile controls pose a problem for lefty Jamie Snyder, "the ignition and the stick shift are on the right."

The ten percent of the population who are left-handed have two choices, to learn the right-handed way, or to do everything backwards. This is one reason that "lefties are more creative" boasts junior Sarah Price. The fact that the last three presidents are left-handed clashes with the theory that lefties are sloppy and awkward. Only in recent years has society become aware and compassionate of differences among people, accepting left-handedness as a benign trait.

by erin carter hundley

"When I write with a pen, the ink smears as my hand moves across the paper."

Johnathan Knowles

Holly Clark

"The desks are made for right-handed people only."

Trey Nichols

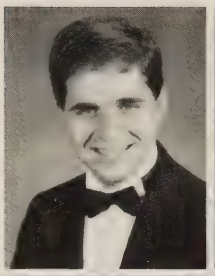
"I'm right-handed and I write sloppy, too!"

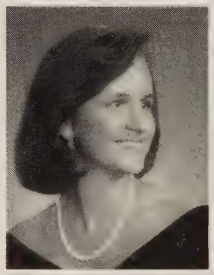
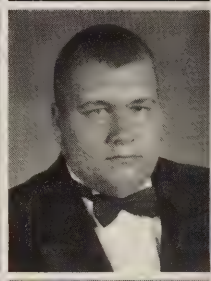
"Lefties are the only ones in their right minds."

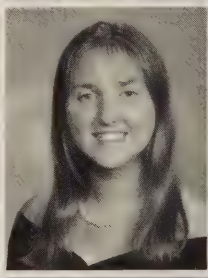
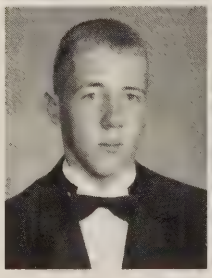
Hillary Scott

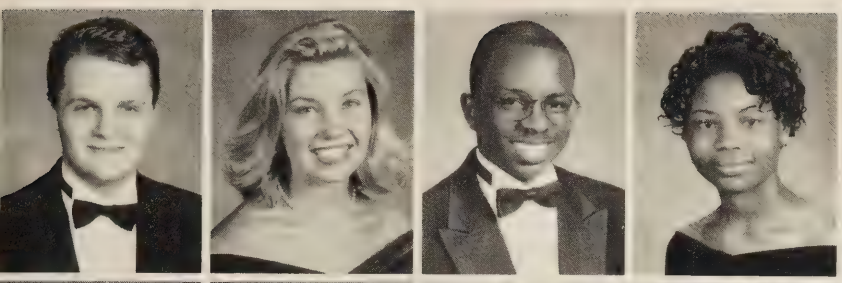
Luminated Lefties

Keanu Reeves	Bill Clinton
Larry Bird	George Bush
Marilyn Monroe	Ronald Reagan
Mark Twain	Bob Dole
Jack the Ripper	Ross Perot
Babe Ruth	Oliver North
Tim Allen	Steve Young
Jimi Hendrix	George Burns
Ty Cobb	Bart Simpson
Julia Roberts	Kurt Cobain
Oprah Winfrey	Ben Franklin
Greg Louganis	Deion Sanders
Julius Caesar	Jerry Seinfeld
Kermit the Frog	Henry Ford
Ken Griffey Jr.	Tom Cruise





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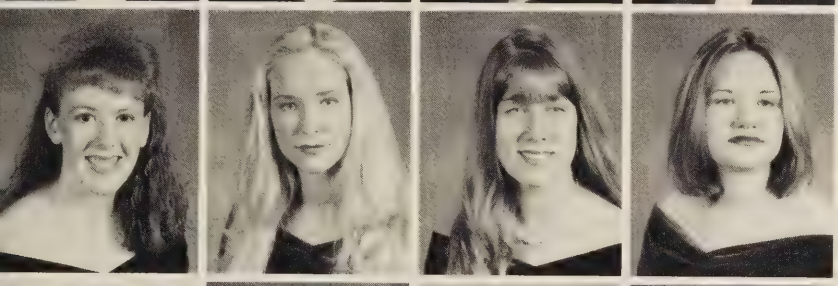

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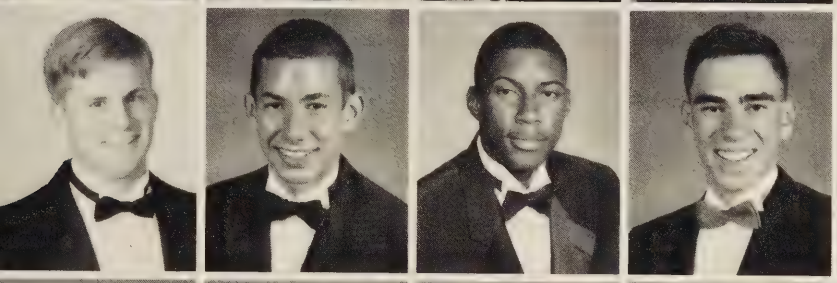

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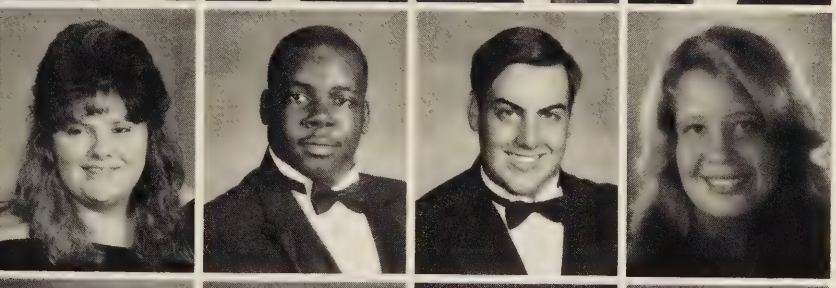

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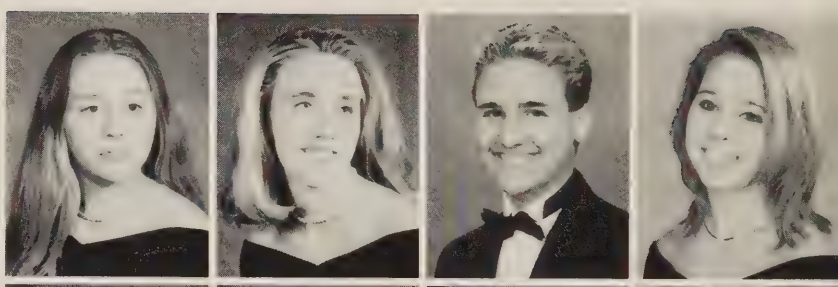

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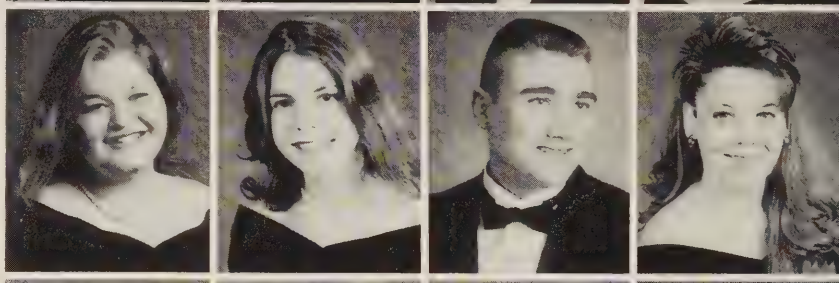

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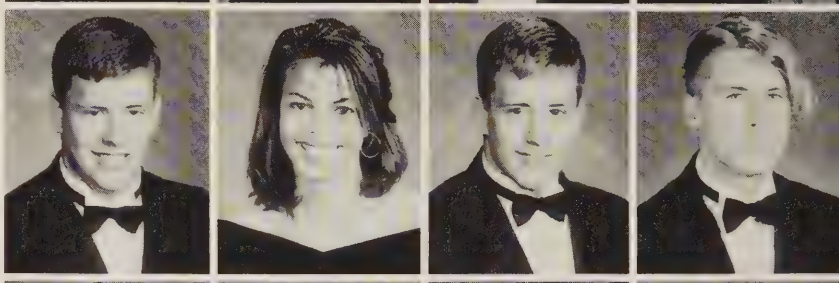

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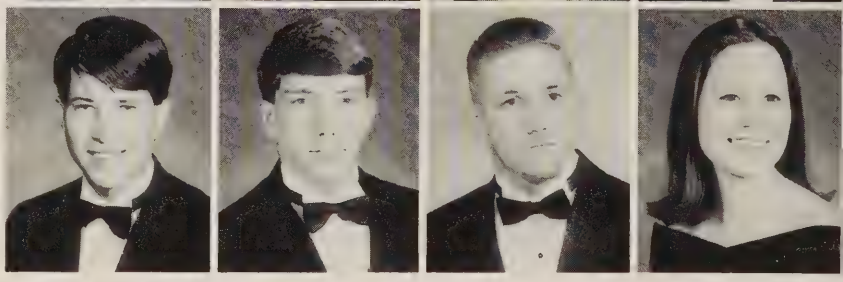
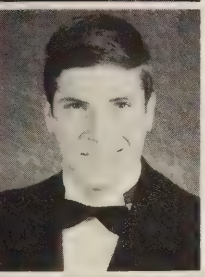
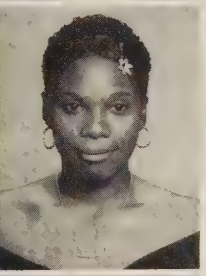
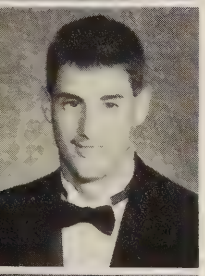








Beach Week 1997

The bell rings and school is out. Traditionally, many of the upper classmen head to the beach with their friends, leaving behind their parents, rules, homework, teachers, and the overall stresses of life. Beach Week is what they call it.

Sunny side up. The ALL girl group of Myrtle Beach met mad boys laying out.. 1 2 3 flip!

First of all, a group of friends must decide that they can live with each other in a small hotel room or a beach house for a period of seven days. Groups may be as large as fifteen or as small as two. When the group finally gets together, someone must take control. One person needs to actually make the reservations and bargain to get the best prices. Neil Carty admitted to extreme paranoia the entire week because his name was on all of the paperwork. The sacrifices were worth it to Hillary Scott: "If I would not have done the job, my thirteen friends would not have had the opportunity to go to beach week."

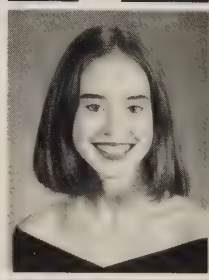
Activities during the week consist of more than slumber partying in the rooms. Tanning was very popular. Most insisted on having the perfect Coppertone tan before going back to Chesterfield. Others rented jet skis and parasailed. Amy Matthews claims that parasailing was the most peaceful time of the week: "I was floating above the birds." However, Brian Sutton complained that "all of the fun stuff was way too expensive." When the sun set, the parties began. The mood changed and teens danced with many randoms at local clubs. Some strutted down the strip and shopped in the cool stores to buy souvenirs or race go-carts. To get away, the subdued took peaceful walks along the surf all night long to watch the sun rise in the morning. And the adventure continued for seven days and seven nights.

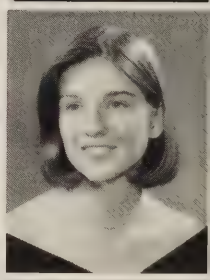
Star quarter back. Haylie Lum challenged any boys on the beach to a game of football.

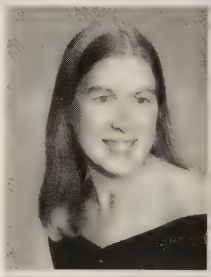
by erin carter hundley

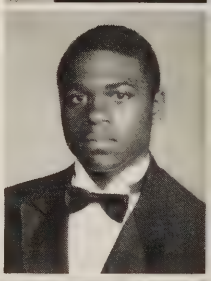
Senior Quotes

For many of the seniors it has been a long, yet wonderful four years. Here, some of the seniors share thoughts about what has made their high school days memorable. Cherish them, as they may be your ticket to the best four years of your life.









"Forsans et haec meminisse iuvabit. Persevere and one day even these things will be pleasing." Vergil, Aeneid courtesy of Corrie Ward

"Be yourself. Don't buy into an image." Joe Mehalko

"Value your best friends- they'll always be there for you." Erica Godwin

"Do not wish to graduate too soon. You'll miss this place." Meredith Byrnes

"Don't buy a pass for the elevator or the pool." Larry Madison

"This high school belongs to you, treat it like it's yours." Robin Byers

"Writing on bathroom doors is tacky." Hillary Scott

"Respect seniors, you'll need our help before we'll need yours." Michael Jamison

"Live every moment to it's fullest. You'll regret it later if you don't." Rachael Woodrum

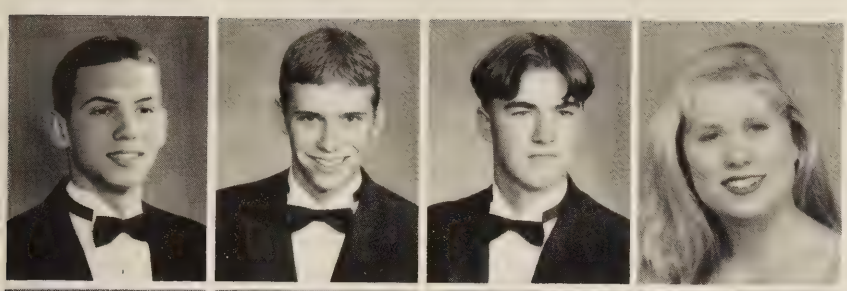
"Don't give into peer pressure- Your friends will still respect you." Amber Ozmar

"Learn to appreciate all of your blessings." Matt Joosse

by amy michelle matthews

TABATHA DAWSON

Extra Extra Read All About It. Seniors Laurie Hobeck, Becky Kirkman, Lauren Cumbia, and Jessica Anderson yell for the seniors at the last pep rally with words and newspapers.



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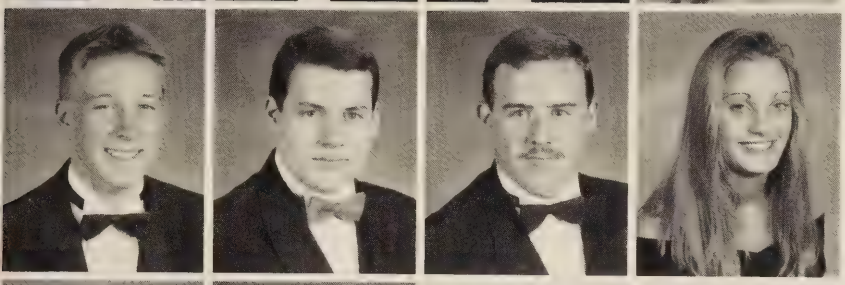

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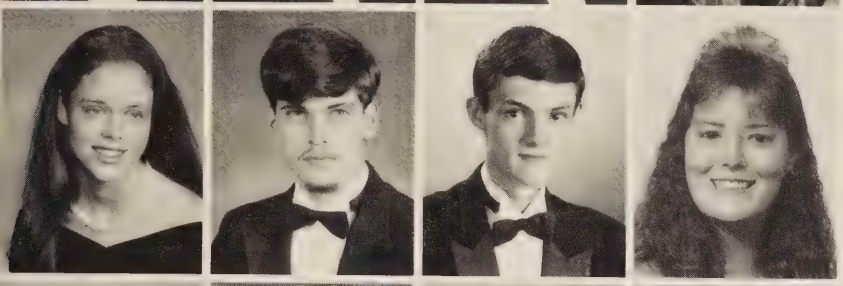

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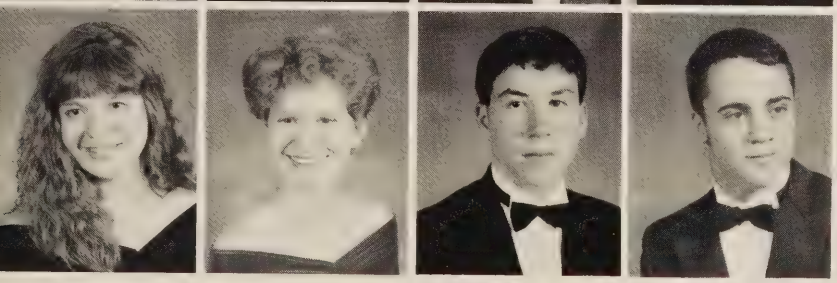

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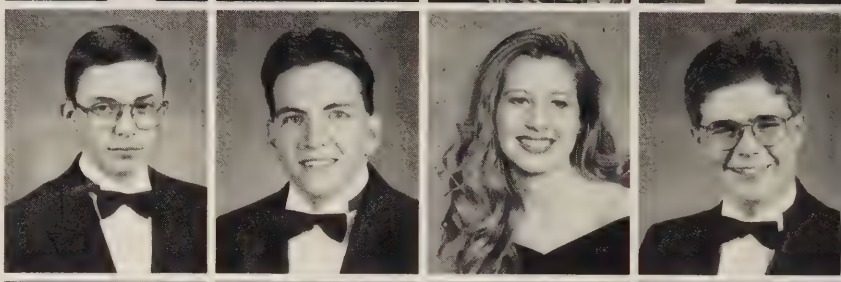

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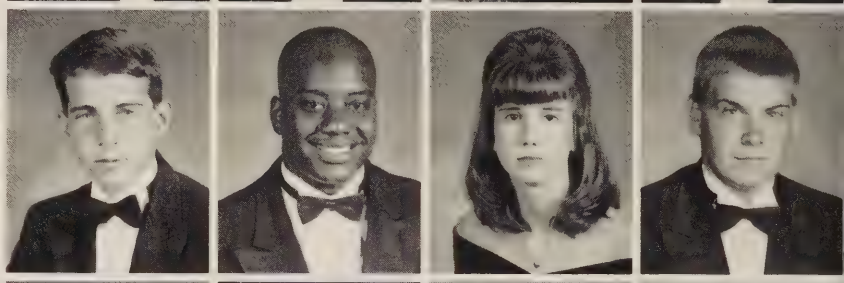

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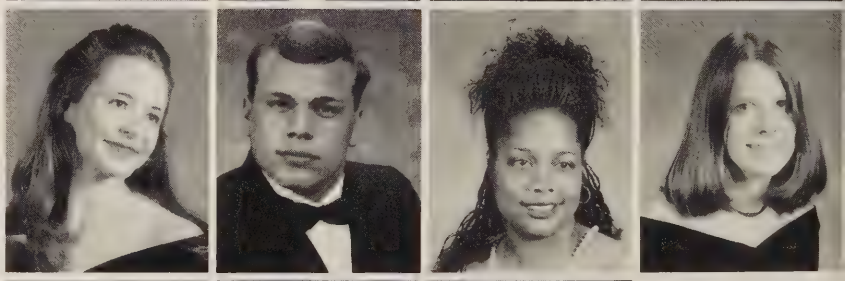

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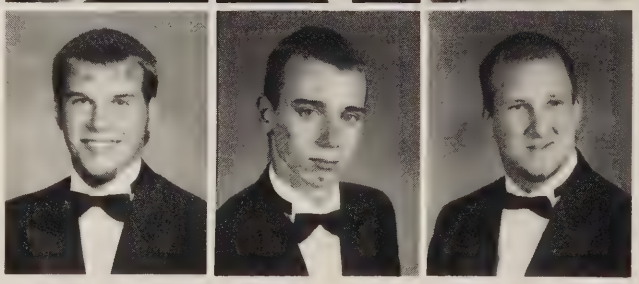
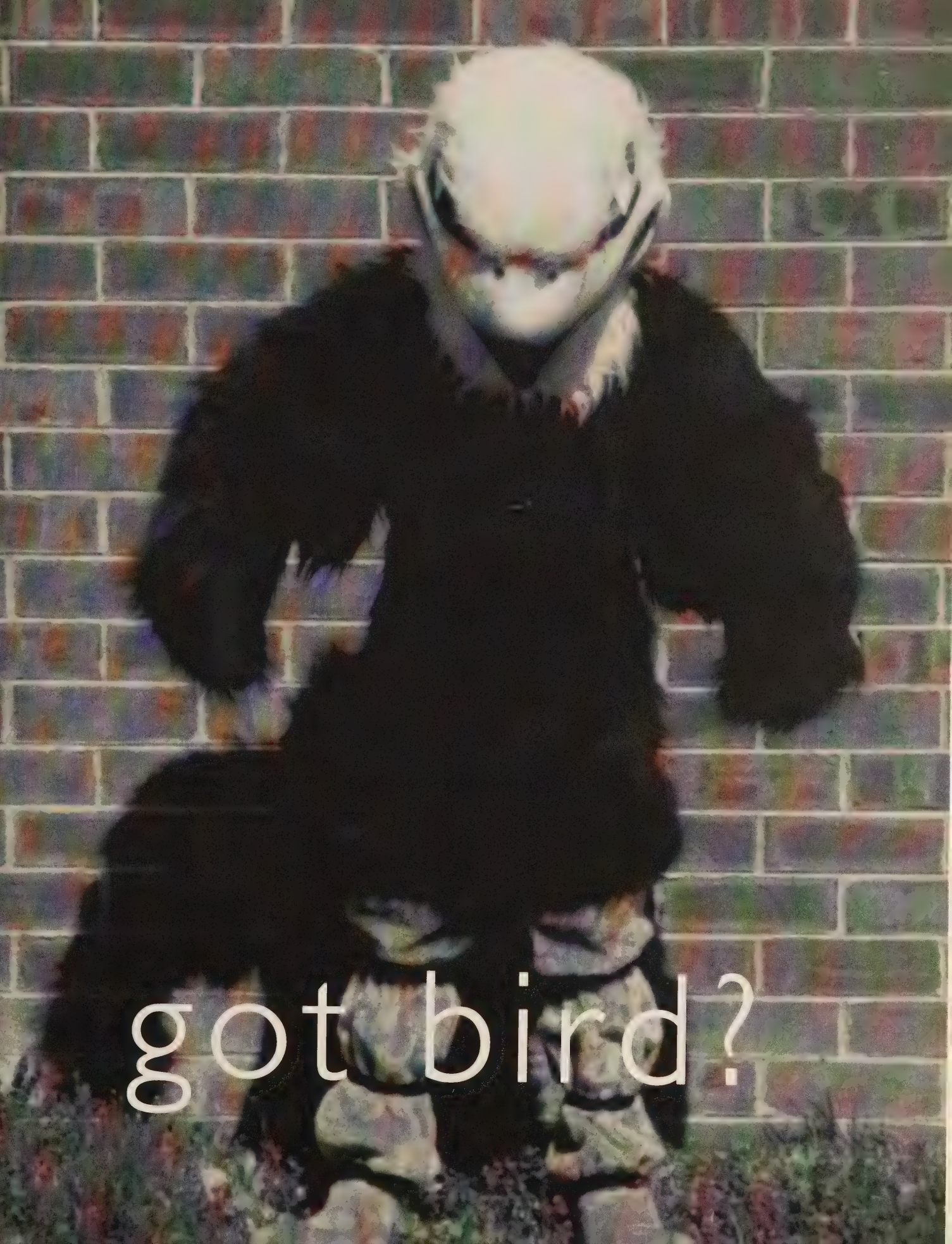



got bird?

Four Administrators, Three Assistants, Two Airmen, and an Animal Lover

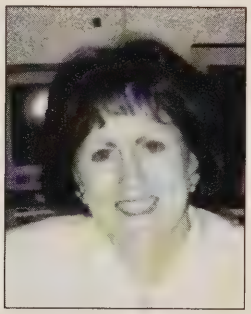
Dr. John Baskerville
Principal

Where can you find an ex-rock n'roller and roadie, an ex-Green Beret, an animal lover, and an admirer of Monet? Try the main office. After four years of secondary education, some students know nothing about their administrators; in response to that fact this is just a small introduction to the plethora of talent that can be found here.

Principal John Baskerville explained "it just happened," speaking about how he got into administration. Baskerville, a native of Baltimore, Maryland, spent some of his early years in a rock and roll band and as a roadie for another band. Later, Dr. Baskerville trained at Goodfellow Air Force Base for 26 weeks. He spent 4 years, 9 months, and 23 days in the Air Force. Also, this training led to 21 months in Taiwain and 17 months in Turkey as a member of the Air Force Security Service Intelligence in the field of Radio Intercept Analysis. Dr. Baskerville said his most trying moment is conflict among kids; "fights ruin my day!" His favorite part of the job is "seeing kids being recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments." Dr. Baskerville's face lights up when speaking about his "elaborate and extensive" rock & roll/R&B music collection. He said, "You name it, I got it!"

John Foege
Assistant Principal

Not many high schools in the area can say that they have a Green Beret among their administrators. Mr. John Foege completed two tours in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces and 4 years as a US Air Force crew chief. He attended Smithdeal Massey Business College, then Ferris State in Big Rapids, Michigan. He came to Bird High School in 1978. At the same time he joined the Virginia Air National Guard, where he now holds the rank of Master Sergeant Class E7. Mr. Foege attended Virginia State University and received his Masters' Degree in 1993. At work, his most trying moment is "trying to modify a student's behavior and actions through counseling, only to have the student turn around and do the same thing again." Mr. Foege enjoys "seeing kids smile or laugh...or get excited about an accomplishment. That makes my adrenaline go!" Once at Chester Middle School, to encourage the Accelerated Reader Program, he promised to shave his head if the students earned enough points. They did! Since sports have always been a part of his life he tries to attend 99% of the athletic events. Mr. Foege is a firm believer that athletics and academics go hand in hand.



Barbara Headley
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Barbara Headley began her teaching career as a Health and P.E. teacher. "I was a real jock in high school," she laughed as she explained how she played field hockey, basketball, and softball. She says that the most frustrating part of the job is that she can almost never get final closure on everything. "Kids are great!" She said that students keep her entertained and that she "does not think anyone of us (faculty) would be in the business without the kids." Mrs. Headley is the caretaker of stray animals at Bird.

Mrs. Martha Wiedeman is a graduate of Mary Washington College. "I have always been interested in places and cultures." Mrs. Wiedeman began teaching at the old Manchester high school as the department chairperson of the social sciences. From Manchester, she came to Bird. Her philosophy on teaching is "help youths understand and to learn . Learn how to learn." She misses working with students on a one-on-one basis and knowing the student personally. Her most frustrating thing is the 'drifting students.' She says her job is never dull, and no two days are alike.

Martha Wiedeman
Assistant Principal

Who would have thought that such a wide variety of people could be so closely connected with public education? The main idea expressed by all of the adminstrators is that they love what they do or they would not be doing it. Their ability to impress is best exemplified by Mrs. Wiedeman, when she says, "education is the key to opening opportunities and doors. Education is power! Power to make changes and improve your quality of life."

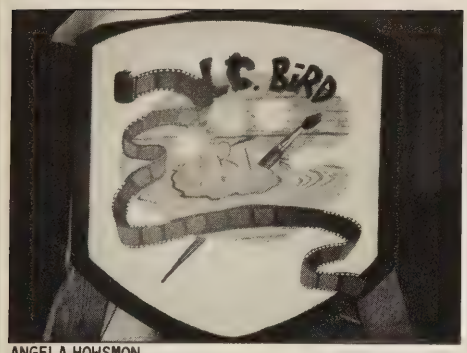
by patrick lewis burke

Catherine Allen	Special Education
Kristen Anonick	Natural Science
Frances Atkinson	Social Science
Elizabeth Bailey	Aide
Kimberly Bankert	Aide
Joanne Beck	Guidance
Marcy Begley	Business
Betty Billingsley	Guidance
Matthew Bland	Social Science
Denise Blankenbecler	Mathematics
Suzy Bolton	English
Lynn Booth	Administration
Ruth Bowling	Mathematics
Sylvia Brooks	English
Ann Brown	Mathematics
Billie Brown	Business
Joyce Burton	Library
Randall Cave	Natural Science
Nancy Chamberlain	Aide
Michelle Clark	English
Patricia Conroy	Guidance
Steven Cormier	Social Science
Debbie Creed	Guidance
Nancy Deane	Special Education
Diane Dockus	English
Roxanne Donaldson	English
Bernice Donley	Mathematics
Sandra Dupuy	Aide
Steve Earle	Fine Arts
Susan Edwards	Psychologist
Siv Erickson	Security
Elizabeth Evans	Social Science
Robert Feind	Vocational Ed.
Shannon Ferguson	Special Education
Earl Fisher	Security
Laura Fitzhugh	Interpreter
Camille Flick	English
Valerie Foster	Aide
Deborah Fry	Interpreter
Sue Fulghum	Social Science
Margaret Furgerson	Fine Arts
Nancy Furr	English
Rachel Garner	Special Education
Sandra Garr	Business
James Giles	Custodial
Walter Gilliam	Guidance
Jeanine Gilmore	English
Ronnie Glass	Vocational Ed.
Elizabeth Goldsmith	Administration
Barbara Goode	Health and P.E.
Judith Greene	Aide
Wonda Haltom	Aide
Frances Hamman	Special Education
Kathy Hammon	Aide

Kathy Harmon	Aide
Barbara Harris	Business
Mike Harris	Special Education
Ellen Harvey	French
Teresa Hathaway	French
Susan Hawkes	English
Lucille Henderson	Business
Paul Hetterich	Voc. Ed.
Linda Heuser	Natural Science
Margaret Hicks	Latin
Suzanna Hintz	Mathematics
Bill Hockmuth	Mathematics
Angela Howsmon	English
Radha Hubbard	Natural Science
Cindi Jackson	Special Education
Jeanette James	Social Science
Rebecca Jillcott	Orchestra
Beth Johnson	Aide
Martha Joosse	Spanish
Robin Kalman	Special Education
John Kinzie	Natural Science
Patricia Kitson	Guidance
Susan Kusterbeck	Mathematics
Jeffrey Langford	Voc. Ed.
Sandra Lee	Health/P.E.
Paul Legg	Social Science
Barbara Lindsay	Aide
Angela Lively	Voc. Ed.
Kristen Lodge	Aide
Lori Lowery	Spanish
Nancy Marshall	Guidance
Judith McFarlane	English
Jerry McLaughlin	Voc. Ed.
Sarah Mick	Health/P.E.
Cabell Miltenberger	Health/P.E.
John Mingus	English
Karen Mitchell	Aide
Linette Molina	Spanish
Lee Moore	Business
Wayne Motley	English
Emily Munro	Latin
Donna Mynes	Natural Science
Catherine Neale	Spanish
Michelle Nettles	Natural Science
Cammie Nicely	Natural Science
Raymond Norton	Social Science
Marie O'Kleasky	Fine Arts
Elizabeth Orn	Aide
Jeanette Ortiz	Interpreter
Kimberly Paquette	Speech Therapy
Pennie Paquette	Mathematics
Ronald Paquette	Social Science
Shirley Patterson	Mathematics
Janice Patton	Special Education

by kimberly faith earles

Renaissance Rhythm
Curing Bird's Blues



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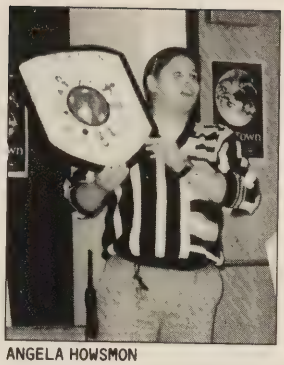
The finished product. The winner of the department logo contest was the Art department.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It's a small world. Mr. David Pollock presents the logo for Foreign Language. "Art work at its finest," Pollock said.

Renaissance is a new program that recognizes outstanding achievement and promotes school spirit. The new effort "commends excellence in citizenship, sports, leadership, and learning capabilities," Mrs. Furr, a faculty supporter of the program explained, "pride just seems to have lost its luster."

Mrs. Ballard, another faculty supporter, and Mrs. Furr researched the program to see if they thought it would be a good idea. Renaissance started in September, and is "hopefully going to snowball. Then more people will help by celebrating excellence. I believe when students show school spirit, the effects in the long run ripple into the community," Mrs. Furr said.

"The Renaissance program leaders intend to see the program grow and prosper. It is here to stay, and we will be adding more to it next year. The program is a vehicle to recognize faculty and students. The Renaissance program enables the faculty and administration to place more emphasis on the positive aspects of education," Mrs. Smith, a chairman of Renaissance stated.

Many committees active in Renaissance involve much of the faculty, including: PRIDE, the handbook committee, the wall of fame, the unity stripe, logos, faculty/student recognition, and the academic boosters club.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Fulghum are the chairpersons of the Renaissance program. The Renaissance finance committee consists of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Fulghum, Ms. Dockus, Mrs. Allen, and Ms. Anonick.

Some of the Renaissance projects include: the faculty talent show in February, the Otis Spunkmeyer cookie sale, and the citizenship scholarship at the end of the year. Renaissance has achieved many things so far, such as painting the unity stripe around the school walls, special achievement shirts for students, the teacher/ student of the week spotlight, the Renaissance luncheon, and the PRIDE student segments.

Mrs. Furr said "in my opinion, anytime anyone does anything outstanding, that person needs to be recognized. Recognition is the wind beneath the wings. Even the symbol of the Renaissance program is an eagle."

JACQUELINE KNISKA

A lunch to be proud of. Javonda Yates, Tierra Williams, and Jasmine Lewis said, "We didn't get out of class like usual, but it's the thought that counts."

ANGELA HOWSMON

School spirit in a cape. Mr. Foege poses for "a stroke of madness for the Renaissance Program."

Teachers Are People Too

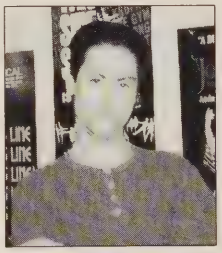
Life is full of mysteries. Example number one: it just so happens that teachers do things other than teach. It may be hard to believe, but many teachers currently have or previously have had another job. Scott Shaver of the Science department spent ten years as a Naval Weapons Officer on a nuclear submarine and was a Deisel Submarine Engineer. Randy Cave coached college baseketball for four years at Ball State University in New York and took the team to the NCAA Tournament. Rachel Garner of the Special Education Department said, "I quit my first teaching job to go live on St. John's U.S. Virgin Island to work as a waitress, a cook, and a sailboat crew member."

Travel was commonly listed among teachers' hobbies. Diane Dockus said, "I played semi-professional basketball in France after graduating from Michigan State." Barbara Priebe said, "I lived in Cape Coast in Ghana with my family for a year." John Kinzie spent 10 years in India and Betty Evans was born in Ontario, Canada.

Contrary to popular belief, teachers do not go straight from school to home. Margaret Furgurson is a member of the Richmond Symphony Chorus, and Linette Molina is a certified water aerobics instructor. Billie Brown of the business department said, "Riding and racing motorcycles was a favorite pasttime of mine. Nothing can compare to being on the straight away with the throttle wide open. It's awesome!"

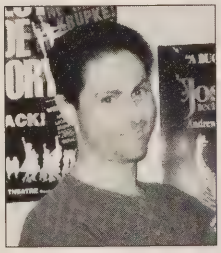
Like students, faculty members have some fond (and not-so-fond) school memories. Suzy Bolton said, "I played soccer in college-and they didn't use me as the ball!" Barbara Harris recalled her days as 'Miss Carver High School' in Fieldale, Virginia, and Suzanna Hintz, who now teaches mathematics, said, "I really disliked math in high school."

Bird is full of outstanding teachers, each with their own special attributes. Each year, however, one very special teacher is chosen as the "Outstanding Teacher of the Year." The 1996-1997 L.C. Bird Outstanding Teacher of the Year is Mr. Steve J. Earle.



The Three Faces of Earle

Mr. Earle holds a BFA in acting from University of North Carolina Charlotte. In addition to teaching a full load of high school courses, he also teaches a theatre course at Longwood College. Mr. Earle volunteers his time with students at Lucy Corr nursing home and helps run an acting company in Richmond. "He's just a guy who can't say no!," says fellow theatre teacher Keri Wormald. Mr. Earle is currently studying to become certified as a Drama Therapist.



For ten years Mr. Earle has been producing plays at L.C. Bird. This year alone he directed the Spring musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." It was one of the best attended shows in Bird's history. Ms. Wormald said, "He took alot of chances with this show and they all worked." Also, his stage production classes built the sets for "Joseph," "Our Town," "The Course of True Love," and for the Faculty Show, "Cruisin'."

After years of devoted service and countless extra hours, the contributions of Mr. Earle have been recongized. "He's so modest-- it's great for a teacher like him to receive this award," said Wormald.

byMeghanAnnGrabow

Carolyn Paulette	English
Beverly Pearce	Guidance
David Pollock	Foreign Language
Norwood Powell	Natural Science
Scott Preskitt	Health and P.E.
Barbara Priebe	English
Adele Pritchett	Special Ed.
Karl Przystawik	Special Ed.
James Pulling	Special Ed.
Paul Rafferty	Mathematics
Joan Ridout	Library
Stephanie Roper	Business
James Rosendale	Vocational Ed.
Sandra Rublee	Aide
Jerry Russell	Vocational Ed.
Linda Sadler	Mathematics
Tonia Sanborn	Foreign Language
Helen Sanders	Fine Arts
Nancy Schneider	English
Charlotte Scimone	Social Science
Robert Seaton	Vocational Ed.
Rachael Servia	Mathematics
Earl Shaffer	Fine Arts
Caroline Sharpe	Aide
Scott Shaver	Natural Science
Robert Shearl	Interpreter
Albert Shurlds	Mathematics
Maryjane Shurlds	Special Ed.
Tommie Sides	Health and P.E.
Gerald Slosser	Mathematics
Marcia Slosser	Foreign Language
Janie Smith	Special Ed.
Tonomi Steincamp	Foreign Language
Teresa Swajger	Special Ed.
Kelly Tait	Special Ed.
Pat Temples	Social Worker
Charles Tester	Health and P.E.
Shelby Thompson	Aide
Scott Tingen	Natural Science
Judith Tyson	Natural Science
Thomas Voltz	Interpreter
Margaret Ward	Clinic Aide
Randolph Watkins	Security
James Watters	Health and P.E.
Helen Winn	Library
Virginia Wisneski	Business
Keri Wormald	Fine Arts
Juanita Wyatt	Fine Arts

JACQUELINE KNISKA

The weight of the world on my shoul-

ders. Senior Larry Phillips carries his

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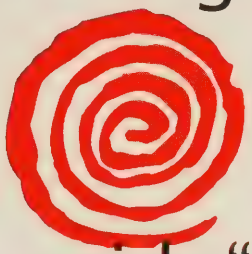

mance. Phillips said, "If you are going

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to be in the band, be all you can be.

Be a TUBA!"

Stylin'

The Band with the Sound

by brandon rooks

"The Band with the Sound" received rave reviews from fans and judges alike this year. The Skyhawk Marching Band performed at all of the home games and a few of the away games to provide spirit for the Skyhawks. Their field show, "Made in America," was comprised of country-western, rock and roll, and patriotic music. Their hard work paid off when they received a superior rating at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association(V.B.O.D.A.) marching band festival; the highest rating that can be obtained. "I enjoy the marching band because we are partly responsible for getting the crowd pumped up for the game." said sophomore Van Smith. Junior Hella Lamb said, "Marching band is fun because no matter who wins the game the marching band always wins!"

The Skyhawk band performed concerts and assemblies all year long. In addition, the Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony played at the V.B.O.D.A. festival, which is held at Bird High School annually, and both bands achieved superior ratings. This makes them a Virginia State Honor Band for the second year in a row. "The festival was run very well by both students and parents! Both bands played exceptionally well and definitely deserved the superior ratings they obtained. The Wind Symphony may very well have had the best performance ever here at Bird High School!" Said an excited Mr. Schaffer.

The Skyhawk Concert series ended with the annual May concert, where students received their awards and seniors got their final awards as Skyhawk band members. Senior Kevin Consedine said "It was tough leading the best drum-line in the state, but someone had to do it." Senior Brandy Cone said "It's cool because as a senior in the band you can boss the little freshmen all you want and they can't do anything about it."

African-American Studies. Row one: Monika Friend, Nancy Graham, Angie Griffin, Selena Carey. Row two: Angela Moon, Mrs. Hawkes, Kent Bernier, Cynthia Jackson, Jenika Simmons. Row three: Keke Green, Robin Jones, Candice Works, Danisha McCarter, Jason Jiggetts. Row four: Barry Holmes, Solomon Ogunware, Jakita Miller. Not pictured. Stephanie Hewlett, Tiwana Davis, Kim Brown, Sherrod Bragg, Jerron Dennis.

ASL. Row one: Mandy Parks, Sara Jenkins, Mandy Willis, Julie Capel, Kathrin Weis, Brooke Fife, Mrs. Stephanie Roper. Row two: Patty Chen, Tina Chen, Kimberly England, Shannon Kluttz, Elisabeth Sauder, Sara Benson, Mrs. Jackson. Row three: Karen Smiley, Erin Russell, Rachel Luck, Ester Seay, Michelle Allen, Beth Repole.

Playing the waltz. Senior Ryan Scott plays his trumpet solo in Tennesse Waltz during the field show. " I'm just glad that my trumpet wasn't frozen to my lips!" said Scott

Marching Skyhawks. Sophmore Cynthia Jackson plays while marching in the homecoming parade. "Marching band is something I enjoy." said Jackson

Perfect percussion. The Skyhawk drum line marches to the beat of a different drum. "You can only play with perfection for so long until you have to take a break." said senior Kevin Considine.

The entertainer. Senior Alan Trammell plays his solo in front of the Christmas concert crowd. "I was nervous because the big band behind me was about to blow me off the stage," said Alan Trammell.

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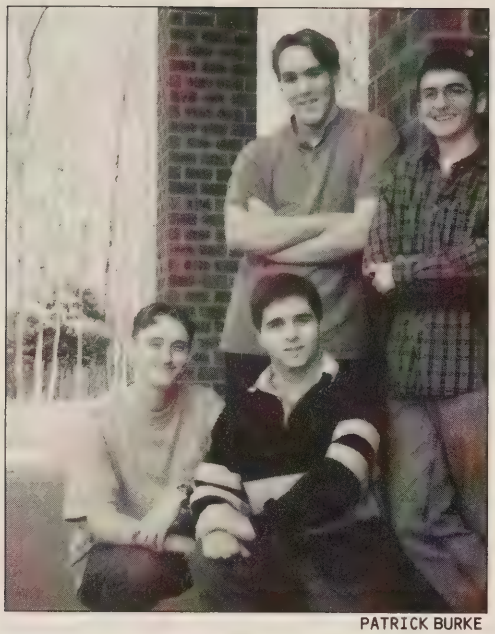
BAND

Battle of the Brains. Row one: Michael Joosse, Erica Godwin, Lanre Omojokun, Mr. Mingus. Row two: Tab Wilson, Mrs. Bolton, Alan Trammell

Bible Club. Row one: Crystal Hume, Holly Campbell, Alison Law, Shannon Kluttz. Row two: Julie McLean, Elisabeth Sowder, Ashley Starnes, Jessica Hammer, Drew Carroll, Sue Boyd. Row three: Mr. Motley, Michael Barnett, Kathy Hume, Brandon Gibson, Mike Adams, Chris Carroll, Dusty Crostic.



Strike a pose. Members of All-State Chorus. Junior Daniel Garrison, junior Mike Mason, senior Glenn Neely, and senior J.R. Evans.

PATRICK BURKE

Superwoman. Junior Jennifer Reynolds has fun getting dressed for the JMU competition. Reynolds said, "I was pumped and ready to perform!"

JAMI GARCIA

Letting it shine. Junior Laina Eckard performs during the Decmber concert.

DAVID CALDWELL

One big happy family. Senior Tiffani Poulsen sings with the ensemble during the December concert. "It was fun performing for the crowd and getting a reaction."

CHORUS

Concert Choir. Row one: J. Pentecost, J. Overton, A. Bulandi, C. Brown, G. Anderson, S. Wray, D. Crostic, H. Hile, J. Snyder. Row two: Ms. Furgeson, C. Smith, C. Wingfield, L. Viets, J. Holmes, J. Stalls, L. Denny, E. Hill, O. Ballard. Row three: L. Spencer, M. Bell, A. Piacentini, C. Lucas, K. Walker, H. McCormack, C. McCormick, W. Thompson. Row four: J. Paffen, A. Jernell, D. Shurland, K. Russell, R. Mayo, J. Wilson, J. Wilson, S. Buckland, S. Huff.

Girls' Vocal Jazz. Row one: K. Cutler, L. Eckard, J. David, M. McCormick, K. Clemens, J. Little, H. Lewis, B. Henry, J. Mason. Row two: Ms. Furgeson, S. Lee, J. Wall, T. Toler, K. Hofman, K. Weis, A. Baldwin, S. Smith. Row three: M Allen, K. Espenschield, C. Pollard, L. Guthman, E. Skelton, T. Garrison, H. Cambell, K. Consedine.

ERIN HUNDLEY

We Are Family

Steppin' Out

by thomas von cannon

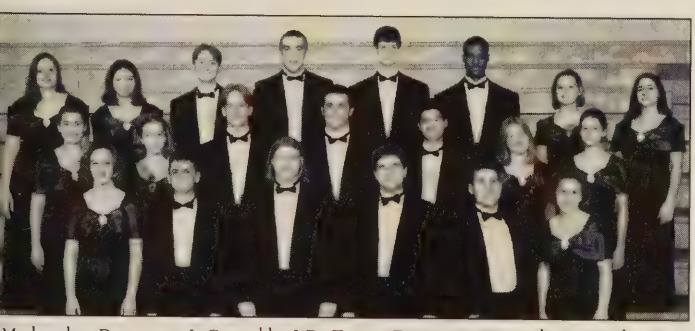
Competing and performing at several events this year, the Chorus department upheld their standard of excellence. Sudden Image and Reflections participated in the Hampton Roads Show Choir Invitational. Girls Vocal Jazz, the newest choral group, performed at the Hampton Roads Jazz Invitational. At the competitions, all three groups received superior ratings. Solo awards went to senior Jason Goodfellow, junior Ceasar Davis, and senior Miesha McCormick.

The students agreed that all the effort and hard work they put into the show was worth it. "We've been practicing every Tuesday for two months, but the practices don't seem like practices because everyone makes them fun," said senior Daniel Garrison.

Having competed at the Central Virginia Show Choir Invitational, the all girls group Reflections did an outstanding job. The group received the best band award and sophomore Kim Cutler was named the best soloist. Culter said, "Being in Reflections and Girls Vocal Jazz this year has proven to be a great learning experience."

Also in the spring, the mixed show choir Sudden Image displayed their talent at the Mid-Atlantic Show Choir Festival at James Madison University. Junior Kelly Cahen said, "Even though we didn't win anything at the JMU competition, it was fun performing and seeing the other bands."

After receiving several awards and many accolades, this year was definitely one of the most successful years in the history of the chorus department.



Madrigals. Row one: J. Reynolds, J.R. Evans, B. Kemp, G. Neely, L. Madison, L. Coward. Row two: J. Garcia, C. Ward, C. Talmage, A. Brown, J. Worartanadharm, W. King, J. Reese. Row three: A. Pearce, S. Love, D. Garrison, M. Mason M. Barnett, T. West, K. Cahen, K. Tucker.

Reflections. Row one: A. Maxwell, K. Cutl.er, D. Montejano, M. Lang, J. Temple, S. Rousseau, H. Cambell, J. Mason. Row two: T. Poulsen, I. Russell, H. Russell, H. Taylor, L. Halbert, K. Marsh, E. Murray, E. Smith, S. Leehy, R. Scott. Row three: N. Boltin, T. Toler, S. Pearce, T. Willimas, J. Wall, M. McCormick, B. Wagenseller, A. Graber, M. Wingfield, A. Lopez. Row four: K Consedine, K. Gray, B. Danberg, S. Love, M. Adams, S. Little, K. Hofman, G. Poulsen, P. Moran, G. Neely. Row five: M. Robb, K. Hastings, J. McLean, A. Law, K. Harding, K. Wheeler, M. Friend, J. David, M. King, S. Hastings, J. Woraratanadharm.

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Sudden Image. First Row: Nick Boltin, Melanie Harkabus, Wendy King, J.R. Evans, Dustin Shifflett, Patrick Burke, Derek Meyer, Ceasar Davis, Tiwana Davis, Jessica Little, John Mason. Second Row: Ryan Scott, Kim Tucker, Kelly Cahen, Jason Goodfellow, Billy Hall, Andy Tarantino, Ron Field, Elizabeth Smith, Ashley Daniel, Aimee Maxwell, Jeff Woratanadharm. Third Row: Kevin Consedine, Jessica Gunthrie, Shana Leehy, Amber Ozmar, Andy Brown, Robbie Newton, Chris Talmage, Donnie Field, Jeff Cole, Jami Garcia, Haylie Lum, Holly Cambell, Andy Lopez. Fourth Row: Michael Robb, Amy Matthews, Robin Byers, Dani Montejano, Brian West, Royal Robinson, Daniel Garrison, Michael Mason, Chris Williams, Aaron Starnes, Jennifer Reynolds, Courtney Pollard, Tiffani Poulsen, Glenn Neely.

Just Fiddlin' Around

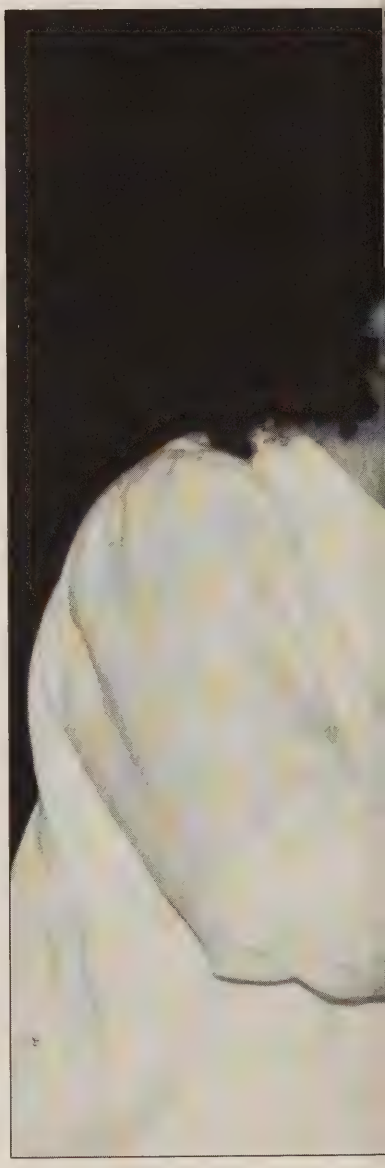
Classical Camaraderie

by thomas von cannon

Every member of the orchestra agreed that the year was filled with success. Along with two concerts, in December and in May, the group performed for a rating at District Festival at Chester Middle School on March 7. "At festival everyone was really nervous. To release some tension Ms. Jilcott told us to play a sixth grade version of 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.' The audience picked up on the song and started to yell the words," said junior Natasha Tucker. The group's performance earned them a rating of Excellent. "I think that we have done very well this year," said senior Jessica Rudd," Our director's persistence and our teamwork have brought us an excellent year."

A feeling of camaraderie was noticeable this year amongst the group. Students formed a bond with each other through good times and memorable moments. "Class time was passed with plenty of laughter and fun." said sophomore Renee Osterbind. Senior Tennille Chisholm encountered an interesting situation when her siblings were in her Orchestra class: "It was awkward having both my brother and sister in the same class," she said.

Seniors agreed that orchestra has been an unforgettable part of their life. Senior Jessica Little summed up the feeling of the entire group best when she said, "I feel that Orchestra has had a major impact on my life. Without the guidance of Ms. Jillcott, my high school years would not be complete." Every member of the Orchestra agreed that the seniors have contributed greatly to the excellence of the group and their presence will be sorely missed. Future classes will have a tough time following in the footsteps of this stellar class.



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Color Guard. First Row: Carla Morris, Melanie Harkabus, Jessica Gunthrie, Second Row: Samantha Pierce, Lakisha Willliams, Jodi Pentecost, Tiffany Garrison, Abby Morris, April Taylor. Third Row: Tabatha Wilson, Amy Fife, Amy Nuttall, June Jones, Jennifer Waiton, Megan Haynie, Michae' Jamison, Elizabeth Primm.

DAVID CALDWELL

Crime Solvers. First Row: Matthew Ray, President; Gordon Chisholm, Vice-President; Sweta Patel, Secretary. Second Row: Mrs. Barbara Headley, Sponsor; Kelly Hastings, Tiffany Garrison, Khilia Graves, Jessica David.

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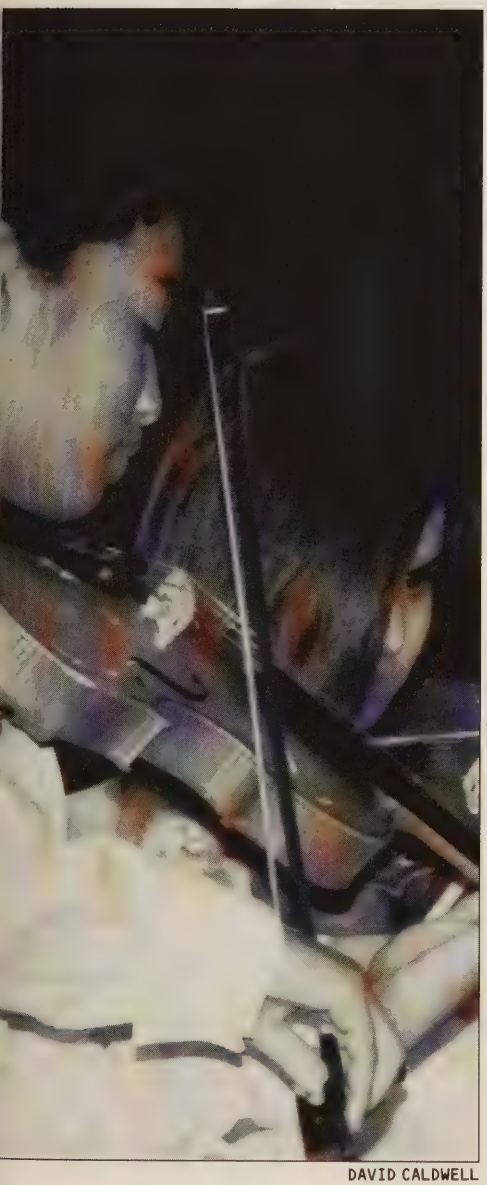

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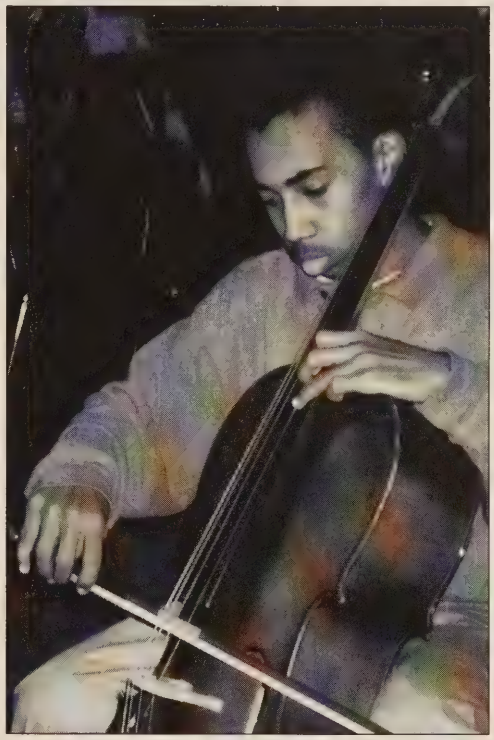
Fiercely fiddlin'. Sarah Jenkins and her violin perform for the crowd during the December concert. "The concerts were the highlight of orchestra. I like to hear the crowd's response," said Jenkins, a junior.



BRANDON ROOKS

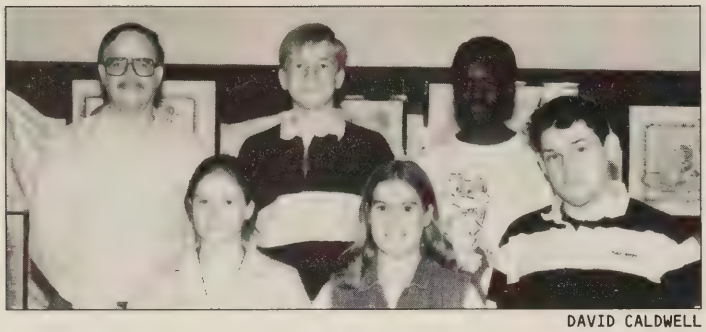
No strings attached. Sophomore Rashad Stone playing with concetration during class. "This year I learned to play and feel equal to the other celloists," commented Stone.

DAVID CALDWELL

Classical concentration. Junior Aisha Taylor focuses upon her music at the December concert. "We had a really great group this year. I'm really looking forward to next year."

Calm, cool, collected. Senior Carolyn Basehore playing during the December concert. "Orchestra has definitely been an experience," said Basehore.

DAVID CALDWELL



DAVID CALDWELL

Debate Club. Row one: Shannon Kluttz, Erin Tucker, Vann Madison. Row two: Steve Cormier - coach, Van Smith, Atima Omoara-Slwala

DAVID CALDWEL

DECA. Row one: Jason Jiggets, Nancy Graham, Brad Shiver, Yolanda Evans, Danisha McCarter, Mr. Jeff Langford. Row two: Holly Finley, Candace Werts, Jakita Miller. Row three: Lauren Denny, Keke Green, Angela Moon. Row four: Megan Bain, Brooke Craze, Carla Seamster, Angie Griffin, Keisha James, Selena Carey.

PERFORMING

JACQUELINE KNISKA

Bust a move. "As a senior, I'm very sad this year. Rhapsody has been my family for four years and I'll definitely miss them. Good luck next year!" said senior Hillary Scott.

JEFF BEATMAN

Lettin' it fly. "Flag practice was long and tedious, but the excitement of the show made it all worthwhile," commented senior Lindsay Seamen.

DAVID CALDWELL

Star struck. "All the hard work put into making the float paid off and we had a great time," said junior April Wright.

Passing notes. "Mr. Rhor always expected the best during practices and performances. It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off when we had an awesome show," added junior Melanie Harkabus.

Drama Club. Row one: Cayce Orion, Derek Meyer, Alyssa Best, Kim Wheeler. Row two: Josh Lampert, Jennifer Wilson, Craig Ainsworth, Natacha Siverio, Tonisha Harrison, Sarah Rousseau, Monae McBride, AmyJoyce Meacham, Amber Haley, Luke Stowell, Courtney Pollard, Matt Butler. Row three: Moira O'Brien, Keith Boos, Dana Lee, Rebecca Britt, Elizabeth Nolen, Michelle Adams, Erica Godwin, Cheryl Nelson, Elisabeth Sowder, Tristan Jones, Chelios Zaremski. Row four: Mr. Steve Earle, Matt Jones, Brandon Marsh, Andrea Tetreault, Sarah Price, Will Norfleet, Jenny Jacobs, Teri White, Lauren Bogese, Kristen Marsh, Brooke Fife, Jay Hunter, Ms. Keri Wormald

AUBREY ROHR

Flying Colors

Spirit of the Skyhawks

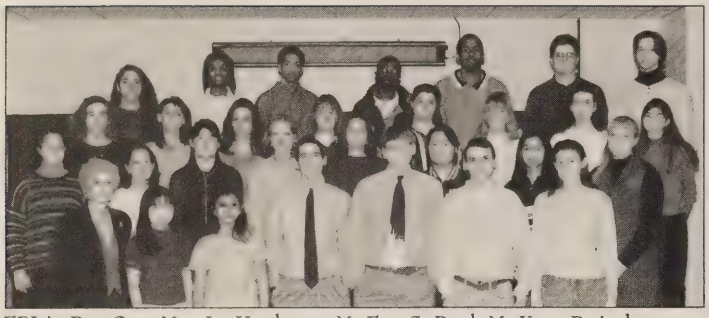
by meghan beatman

The band and the colorguard take the field at Varina High School for the Varina Showcase of Winds and Percussion, a competition they attended. The band begins to play, and the colorguard begins its routine. Later the scores are announced; and colorguard takes first place. At the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association State Marching Festival, they receive a "Superior" rating. What brought them to this level of success?

"Drive and attitude to work at it," replies flag member April Taylor. The colorguard's basic job is providing visual entertainment to the crowd while the band is playing. They try to get all eighteen girls to look identical and to move in synchronization. June Jones commented, "It's hard work, but rewarding when you see the final show put together." Praising the guard, Miss Anonick, science teacher and the new faculty sponsor, said "they are very self-motivated and hard working and because of that this has been their best season ever."

Colorguard was not the only performance team with an incredible season; Rhapsody in Blue also had a spectacular year. "It was a lot of fun and we have improved a great deal," commented Katy Brightly. They entertained at all varsity home football games, basketball games, and pep rallies. Sweta Patel added, "Rhapsody has improved a great deal, and we have pulled through as always. Rhapsody will always be a place for me to have fun with my friends and to express myself."

Rhapsody in Blue and colorguard had an excellent year entertaining and amazing the crowd with results of their long hours of practice.



FBLA: Row One: Mrs. Lu Henderson, M. Em, S. Patel, M. King, P. Anderson, R. Fournier, S. Hume. Row Two: P. Moran, J. Guthrie, A. Wright, A. Cummings, H. Bottoms, P. Chen, T. Chen, H. Till. Row Three: M. Good, L. Cobaugh, J. Jones, K. Smiley, J. Wilson, A. Daniel, T. Hensel, L. Wildenger. Row Four: D. Montejano, T. Davis, K. Spratley, S. Ogunware, S.Chapman, A. Wilkerson, A. Mayton.

FHA: Front Row: Jessica David, Sara Lowery, Toni Gordon, Cathy Faris, Jennifer Wilson. Row Two: Cyndi McGonigal, April Revell, Becky Walls, Kitara Garris, Judy Green. Not Pictured: Mary Mosz, Mandy Mangus.

Love of Expression

The Freedom to Feel

by amyjoyce meacham

Photography, dancing, painting, singing, printing and screaming all have one thing in common: expression. "I love taking pictures. I go around everywhere and say, 'Oh that would make a cool picture'," said junior Justin Sharry when asked why he takes Photography I. There are up to four levels of photography classes, but in Photography I, students learn about the camera and its controls. They also learn how to develop film in the dark room and do experimental projects. In the advanced classes they use colored film, and learn how to make transfers.

The National Art Honor Society (NAHS) is full of benefits. Its members will have this honor with them for the rest of their lives. To get into the NAHS, one must take an art class and show effort, motivation and a passion for their assignments. The new students' works are recognized by NAHS members and teachers. They are then voted on by the existing members.

In the art classes, students learn drawing, painting, printing and crafts. Every nine weeks the teachers choose the students who have met the objectives to represent the school in shows and competitions. There are a large number of art competitions and shows, which range from Scholastics to the Fine Arts Festival. The advanced art and photography classes took a trip to University of Richmond to see a still life exhibit. "It was a great opportunity to see some wonderful still life painters," said senior Christina Plott. Mrs. Helen Sanders made a video of the exhibit and her students used it to recap the experience. "We used the exhibit for inspiration," said Mrs. Helen Sanders, "We like to stretch beyond the classroom."

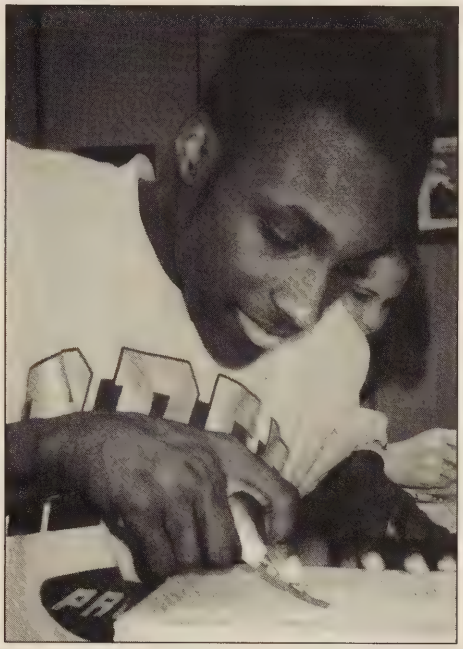
Forensics: Row One: Corrie Ward, Lisa Coward, Mr. John Mingus. Row Two: Alan Tramell, Cayce Orion.

French: Row One: Lisa Coward, Katie Youell, Jonathan Doran, Laina Eckard. Row Two: Atima Omara-Alwala, Lanre Omojokun, Michelle Anderson, Melanie Harkabus, Christina Meluzio. Row Three: Brian McPeters, Tabatha Wilson, Jennifer Waiton, Stacie Kibiloski, June Jones, Michae' Jamison.

ART

HELEN SANDERS

Vogue. Junior Sarah Crow practices figure drawings of Kelly Atkinson. "It was a class participation activity. We all got to draw each other in odd poses. It was an interesting way to learn a basic skill," said Crow.



TABATHA DAWSON

Diligence. Shawn White intently works on a carving in art class. "Art is one of my strengths," he said. "I can express myself and expand my mind in many different ways."

TABATHA DAWSON

Contemplation. Senior Christina Plott and sophomore Matthew Hundley discuss the details of some of his pictures. "There's more to photography than pointing and clicking, said Hundley. "It takes math skills."

Viewpoints. Matthew Jones intently studies a painting by Tracie Hedwall. Said Jones, "Art is objective; it can be good or bad depending on how you look at it."

TABATHA DAWSON

Muchas Gracias. Lucas, a Guatemalan boy, smiles in appreciation for his much needed gifts.

THOMAS VON CANNON

Dazed and Confused. Sophomore Annie Gill zones off during French class. "I was quite tired that day and I wanted to sleep."

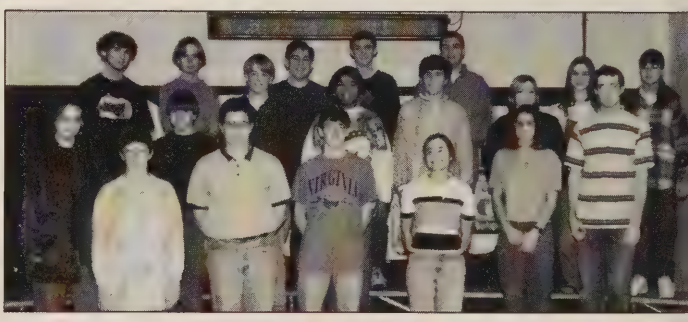
ERIN HUNDLEY

Spirit of Giving. Sophomore Nikki Weaver and senior Corrie Ward wrap gifts during the Latin Club gift wrapping party.

Bonjour, Mademoiselle. Junior Terri White intent on learning during French class.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French Honors Society. Row one: Lanre Omojukun, Lisa Coward, Melanie Harkabus, Alyssa Best. Row two: Laina Eckard, Adam Morrison, Tabatha Wilson.



German Club. Row one: Marcia Slosser, Sponsor; Adam Wilkerson, President; Richard Greenwood, Vice-President; Hella Lamb, Secretary. Row two: Judith Schreiber, Sam Wray, Mariah Hornbuckle, James Greenwood. Row three: Eric Eichenlaub, Kitara Garris, George Lamb, Jesse Overton. Row four: Travis Shearin, Mike Hearndon, David Denoff, Alan Trammell, Chris Mills, Brooke Leatherwood, Lauressa Champaco.

TABATHA DAWSON

Speaking in Tongues

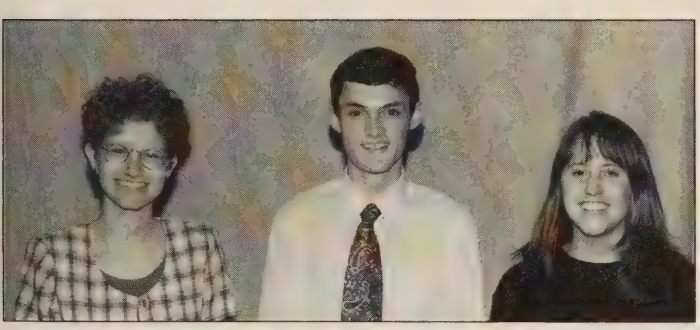
Reaching Out to the World

by thomas von cannon

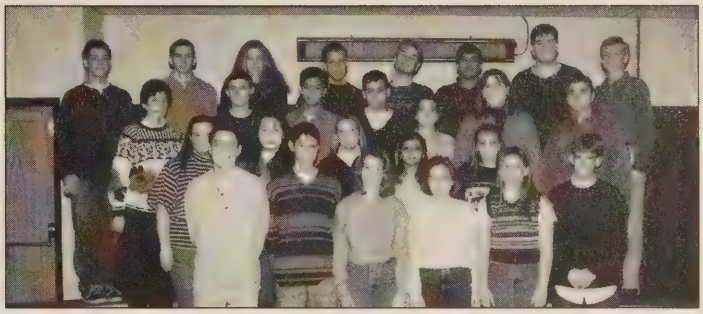
Once again, the Foreign Language department has had a busy year. The clubs were busy celebrating the culture of their language with club events and fundraisers. The activities proved to be as diverse as the many languages. Most of the clubs made an effort to reach out and enrich the community by raising money for charities. This year the Spanish club sponsored a Guatemalan boy named Lucas, for whom they raised money. With the money raised, the boy bought a bed, a shirt, jeans, and a hat. Also in the Spanish club they celebrated El Dia de Los Muertos; the celebration of the dead.

Other clubs also sponsored less fortunate people. The Latin club sponsored an entire family. The classes competed to raise the most money, with the prize being a pizza party for the entire class. The Latin club also attended the State Latin Convention this year. "It was a lot of fun at convention. I met a lot of really interesting people," said junior Cheryl Nelson. The membership of the club swelled to a record 200 members. There was a club banquet to induct new members, which was held at Mrs. Hicks' house. There, students enjoyed a picnic dinner and a relaxing pool party.

The French Club also supported a family at Christmas and had a party in December to wrap the presents. Also this year the club took a group of students, along with some Latin students, skiing. Combined, 42 French and Latin students made the trip. No matter what language one speaks, all foreign language clubs are bonded together by an appreciation of their language.



German Honor Society. Row one: Kathrin Weis, Alan Trammell, Karen Bruner.



History Club. Row one: Mike Joosse, President; Matt Joosse, Vice-President; J. Rotchford, Secretary; L. Coward, Treasurer; K. Bruner, Historian; M. Reardon, Historian. Row two: T. Wilson, J. Waiton, K. Smith, S.Patel, A. Thomas. Row three: Mrs. Jeanette James, A. Trammell, D. Alfonte, B. McPeters, H. Clark, K. Burleson, G. Neely. Row four: B. Munson, B. Sutton, L. Guthmann, S. Simmons, B. Mustain, M. Desai, A. Morrison, V. Smith.

The Few & The Proud

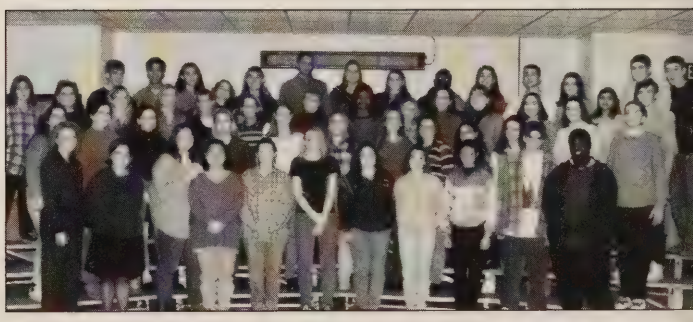
Excellence Spoken Here

by thomas von cannon

Some students strive to achieve excellence in the academic world as well as excellence in their daily life. For these students, clubs and organizations are established for the sake of rewarding their hard work. Members must be committed to academic excellence in their field. Though the requirements for each club vary, it takes a talented individual to be inducted into foriegn language honor societies. To be inducted a student must have a 3.0 average in their language as well as a minimum 3.0 average in their other subjects.

"I think it's a great honor to be in the Latin Honor Society, although we really don't do any activities except fundraising. Fundraising is fun, and it's good to know that all my hard work has paid off," said senior Jessica Rudd. Fundraising is a big part of Foreign Language Honor Societies. The money that is raised goes to scholarships, but we sold candy bars to pay for the reception for the new inductees," said junior Lynda Guthmann, member of the Spanish Honor Society. The annual Latin Honor Scholarship went to Corrie Ward, and outstanding students in their respective languages were: Marc Temple, Brian Sutton, Tina Chen and Alan Trammel. The money that was raised went to a great cause - helping students in pursuit of furthering their foreign language education.

Latin Club. Row one: C. Ward, L. Cumbia, D. Meyer, J. Jacobs, J. Hunter. Row two: J. Seward, C. Basham, M. Em, C. Poythress, D. Mattews, H. Lum, A. Mathews, P. Burke, A. Thomas, M. Chappell, A. Morris, C. Nelson. Row three: S. Carneal, A. Best, T. Nichols, A. Fultz, A. Cole, J. Schreiber, S. Collier, C. Lucas, C. Seymour, N. Weaver, S. Lloyd, M. Wagner. Row four: M. Jones, A.J. Meachem, N. Sherman, S. Webster, S. McAnelly, N. Weaver, B. Adebayo, B. Cannon, D. Pearce, A. Chisolm. Row five: S. Marko, M. Lloyd, P. Cassada, D. Adebayo, K. Wrenn, S. Smith, C. Bradford, D. Prugh, S. Watts, J. Kniska, D. Alfonte, M. Reardon, L. Watson.



Latin Club. Row one: E. Munro, Sponsor; T. Sanborn, Sponsor; A. Pearce, A. Maxwell, M. Niccoli, A. Jones, M. Harkabus, H. Clark, K. Graves, K. Hilscher, J. Judson. Row two: S. Blair, M. Tolbert, A. Taylor, S. Bean, M. Anderson, M. O'Brien, M. Lord, C. Cruz, J. Jones, Z. Young. Row three: M. Hicks, Sponsor; L. Goyne, K. Cunningham, A. Mattews, M. Cole, H. Hile, L. Omojokun, L. Hobeck, K. Rudd, K. Burleson, J. Cash, K. Agee, R. Mayberry. Row four: A. Jernell, S. Hastings, B. Jacobs, C. Prugh, B. Holmes, M. Byrnes, S. Greear, S. Ogunware, J. Rudd, J. Sharry, T. Enright, S. Patel, R. Harris.

TABATHA DAWSON

Lending a helping hand. Senior Jessica Rudd and juniors Sarah Greear and Kelly Burleson announce the new members of the Latin Honor Society.

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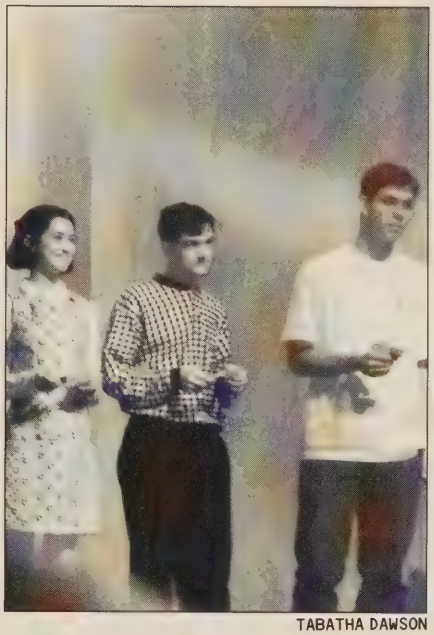
Pass the mic. Senior Marc Temple and juniors Moira O'Brien and Chris Miller list the requirements of the Japanese Honor Society. "It was a shame there weren't any new members this year," said Miller.



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Juniors Jenny Jacobs and Daniel Prugh and sopho-more Justin Anderson as they were inducted into the Latin Honor Society.

TABATHA DAWSON

Sarah Rousseau at the tapping. "I wasn't nervous because being in Theatre got me used to the bright lights," said Rosseau.

LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETIES

Latin Honor Society. Row one: Sarah Greear, Kelly Burleson, Erica Godwin, Amy Matthews, Corrie Ward, Thomas Lee, Haylie Lum, Patrick Burke, Jessica Rudd. Row two: Nicole Weaver, Justin Anderson, Jenny Jacobs, Aimee Maxwell, Kimberly Rudd, Shanelle Lord. Row three: Adedamola Adebayo, Brian Ross, Daniel Prugh, Jeremy Redford, Scott Watts, Justin Sharry.

Mu Alpha Theta. Row one: Lanre Omojokun, Thomas Lee, Jonathan Doran. Row two: Joe Mehalko, Tina Chen, Angie Frith, Lisa Coward. Row three: Scott Simmons, Alan Trammell.

DAVID CALDWELL

National Art Honor Society: Row One: Christina Plott, Carolyn Basehore, Lauren Cumbia, Thomas Lee, Mrs. Sanders. Row Two: Lauren Denny, Jocelyn Woodward, Joe Mehalko, Keri Fidler, Tamika Simpson, Kelly Atkinson, Sarah Crow, Reid Dodson. Row Three: Mrs. O'Kleasky, Catherine Fens, Sara Lowery, Jennifer Waiton, Tina Chen.

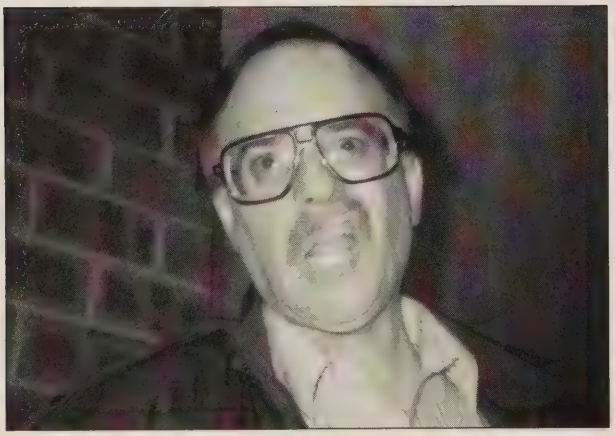
HISTORY

LISA COWARD

Fish out of water. In Boston Harbor, senior Brad Mustain sits on the *U.S.S. Constitution* to relax. After the History Club's long walk around Boston it was definitely called for. "The ship had a beautiful view of the harbor and it was in really good shape," said Mustain.

MIKE JOOSSE

Hush little baby. Junior Holly Clark and senior Brian Sutton rest after a long day in Boston. "I was so tired I would've crashed with anyone," said Clark, when asked about how she felt after the exhausting walk on the Freedom Trail.

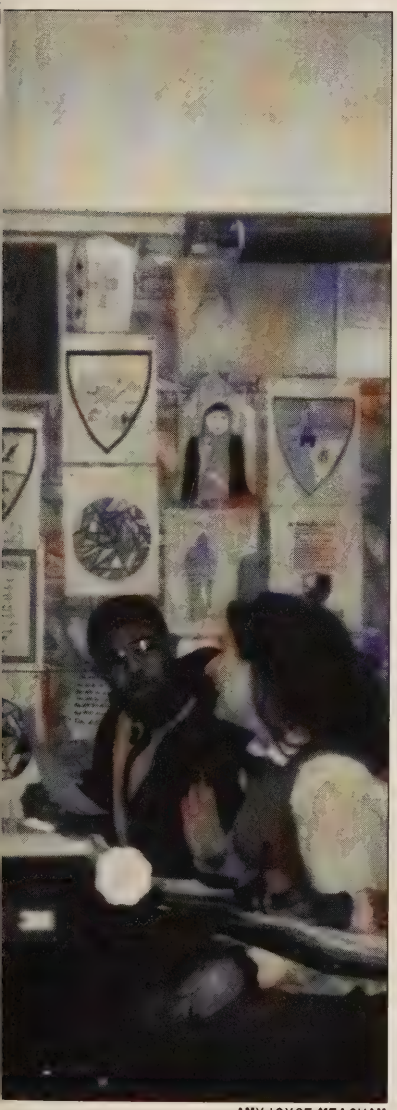


AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

A different kind of love. Mr. Steve Cormier expresses the joys of teaching through his extravagant facial expressions. "I don't think I have a choice, (but to teach history) I've loved it all my life...It's in me...I'm trapped!" We can tell.

Educating our youth. Mrs. Charlotte Scimone teaches her eager students with pride. "They're my babies. I breathe in, they breathe out. We get along really well. I love 'em," said Scimone.

National Honor Society: Row One: G. Neely, A. Maxwell, A. Trammell, A. Fife, M. Taylor, M. Joosse, A. Ozmar, L. Omojokun, T. Lee, JR Evans, P. Burke, L. Basehore, A. Best, J. Reese, S. Patel, P. Chen, T. Chen, A. Matthews, H. Lum, E. Godwin, B. Muller. Row Two: N. Ford, BJ Gaessner, M. Desai, C. Parrish, B. McPeters, S. Simmons, T. Wilson, D. Alfonte, D. Sheperd, M. Barnett, J. Jacobs, C. Bradford, A. Law, L. Coward, C. Ward, R. Woodrum, C. Seamster, C. Wells, J. Woodward. Row Three: N. Brown, S. Hopkins, A. Morrison, J Woraratanadharm, J. Burke, R. Faison, S. Blackmon, M. Joosse, B. Weaver, S. Cornett, S. Crow, C. Pollard, J. Dumax-Baudron, K. Weiss, N. Mosz, C. Meluzio, C. Nelson, L. Eckard. Row Four: K. Wrenn, K. Smith, M. Anderson, C. Miller, S. Watts, D. Meyer, C. Morgan, G. Reiber, M. Temple, B. Welchel, J. Doran, J. Mehalko, J. Atkinson, A. Frith, C. Plott, A. Adebayo, R. Wood, B. Sutton Row Five: K. Burleson, M. Harkabus, H. Clark, C. Artus, D. Prugh, M. O'Brien, K. Bruner, S. Bean, A. Wilkerson, S. Rousseau, J. Handwerk, A. Brooks, K. Youell, B. Holmes, N. Caramucci, S. Lord, J. Cash, E. Prindes.



AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

History Lessons:

Our Best Teacher

by amyjoyce meacham

The members of the History Club planned a four-day trip to Boston in February that included stops along the Freedom Trail. The Freedom Trail consists of historical sites around Boston, such as the USS Constitution, and the home of Paul Revere.

When the club wasn't cramming in knowledge of the past, they looked into the future at the Science Museum. For a break from academics they went to Harvard Square and the Qunicey Market for shopping.

As a fund-raiser the History Department offered students a chance to see *Glory* during their social studies classes. "It was a typical American movie," said Judith Schrieber, a foreign exchange student from Germany. "It was very emotional." Some students went to the movie just to get out of class but left with a good feeling. "It was good to learn about history in a fun way," said Shannon Newcomb. A good movie may teach more than a textbook could ever explain. "It broke the everyday monotony of a lecture class," said Preston Hawley "I enjoyed it."

The African American Studies Club (AASC) seems to be one of the most active clubs in the school. They participate in The Black History Bowl, The National Read-In, and community service activities.

The Black History Bowl is like "Jeopardy," and the best-scoring school wins a $500 scholarship. The National Read-In is a group of students who come together to read from an African American author. The AASC also took a trip to the Baptist Virginia Children's Home in Ettrick over Christmas vacation, where they spent the day with the children. Also, speakers come in to talk about job opportunities for minorities and civil rights. "I wanted to find more about my background and my forefathers," Tiwana Davis said about her reason for joining the AASC.

The Daily Grind

Coffee Anyone?

by amyjoyce meacham

The lights dimmed. A single spotlight shone at center stage. The talking stopped as the audience lounged on the floor with their notebooks and cups of joe. Soon, pictures of souls were painted with words of poetry.

The first of this year's Coffee Houses took place on the 8th and 9th of January. Mrs. Clark's Creative Writing classes performed some of their works written this year. Some read poetry, some read prose and Stephanie Smith even sang a song called "Thank You." "I love singing. I usually sing to relieve stress, but I was really, really nervous. I didn't know if I was doing good," she said, about her experience singing in front of strangers.

The topics of the pieces ran from anti-vegetarianism to hate poems written for ex-boyfriends, and from childhood experiences to life with God. "I found it very inspirational," said Becky Kirkman.

The energy in the room began to rise as people began feeling comfortable applauding for one another. "The most important thing is letting the students read in front of an audience," said Mrs. Clark. "Being able to share thoughts of your own in a mellow atmosphere, and getting their input is very helpful."

"It was a really groovy happening," said Peter Hodge. He read two poems titled "Mess Tub" and "Born Guilty." "I can't tell you what they're about, it's sort of personal," he said. But he pointed out that he enjoyed the experience of performing in front of an audience. "It was a good way to express myself...."

Poetic poise. Withholding nervous tension, Stephanie Smith sings "Thank You," with grace and poise. "I was very nervous." It wasn't obvious to the audience.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAI

So many books, so little time. Some of the English teachers sport their sweatshirts to raise students' awareness and interest in literature.

PATRICK BURKI

ENGLISH

DAVID CALDWELL

Orchestra. Row One; Thomas Lee, Kathrin Weis, Renee Osterbind, Megan Gorman, Daniel Prugh, Jessica Little, Kim Rudd, Karen Bruner. Row Two; Vann Madison, Carrie Smith, Jon Doran, Ryan Jarrard, Alexis Chisholm, Aisha Taylor, Amy Nuttall, Esther Seay, Rashad Stone, Angela Thomas. Row Three; Vicky Jones, Sara Jenkins, Susie Hume, Natasha Tucker, Kathy Hume, Tennille Chisholm, Laurie Hobeck, KarenBelcher, Mandy Mangus, Carolyn Basehore. Row Four; Monique McBride, Jesse Gore, Jessica Rudd, Elizabeth Sowder, Mary Tolbert, Lauren Cumbia, Ashley McLaurin, Matt Mickelboro, Chris Morris, Gwen Senn, Dereic Johnson, Carlos Martin, Gordon Chisholm, John Mason.

DAVID CALDWELL

Photography. Row One: Megan Grabow, Katie Youell, Lauren Cumbia, Jane Atkinson, Joe Mehalko. Row Two: Jason Talley, Lauren Denny, Christina Plott Natacha Siverio, Jessica Leibgott, Alaina Jones. Row Three: Mrs. O'Kleasky, Sar Lowery, Jennifer Waiton, Holly Clark, Heather Bottoms, Jennifer Wilson.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens. Tina Fabulic reads about her cat and things dear to her heart. This poem was a tear jerker for many.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Struggling. Brandon Frazier was recently getting over a writer's block. He read "Smoke Throat Jimmy Singin' the Drunk Man's Blues," by Jimmy Jazz and "Lousy Neighbors," by Jon Loghi. "I like it ,that's why I read it." said Frazier.

DAVID CALDWELL

Rhapsody. Row One: Katie Brightly, Hillary Scott, Jessica Little, Jennifer Reynolds. Row Two: Angela Moon, Sweta Patel, Becky Ebert, Tierra Williams. Row Three: Nicole Brown, April Wright, Nicole Barton.

DAVID CALDWELL

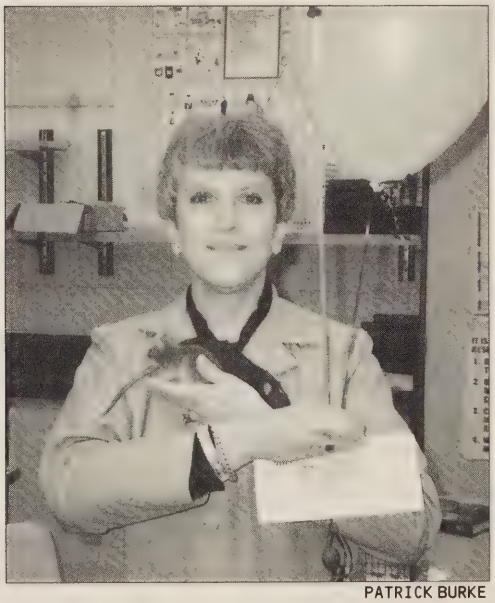
SADD. Row One: Jessica David, Karen Bruner, Candace Wells, Kelly Burleson, Mandy Mangus. Row Two: Cayce Orion, David Alfonte, Sweta Patel, Beth Repole. Row Three:p Mrs. Taylor, Sara Bean, Alyssa Best, June Jones.

DAVID CALDWELL

MATH/SCIENCE

PATTY CHEN

Stumped. "I was trying to aid others in comprehending the teacher's vernacular," Scott Simmons said.



PATRICK BURKE

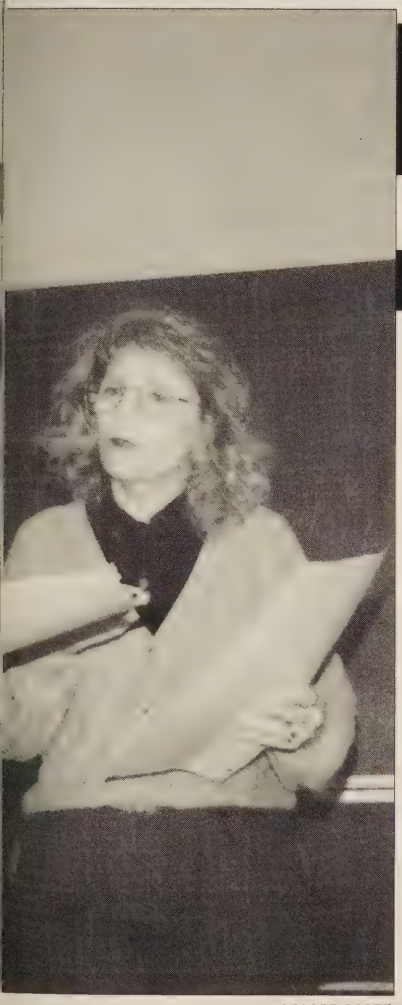
Foster children. "Rats are more cuddly than most people realize, but I'm their grandmother and I *would* say that," said Mrs. Tyson.

DONNA MYNES

Close encounters. Kimm Longbottom commented that "the marine ecology trip gave me a chance to experience what it's like to work with sea animals."

Inquiring minds. "I was teaching Ms. Paquette some math," said junior John Scimone sarcastically.

Skyhawk Band Flutes: A. Boyd, C. Bradford, S. Branch, T. Clayton, B. Cone, A. Crocker, L. Fens, C. Halison, S. Harrison, C. Hume, C. Jennings, N. Jones, K. Knapp, D. Mathews, C. Meluzio, A. Moore, M. Ness, C. Poythress, A. Puryear, S. Russo, K. Springer, A. Starnes, D. Temple, A. Thysell, A. Wittman. Alto Clarinet: T. Roach; Bass Clarinet: C. Halison, S. Kibiloski, M. Richardson. Trumpet: B. Akom, M. Barnett, L. Basehore, S. Bjorson, S. Boyd, M. Cash, D. Denoff, J. Doria, C. Dixon, T. Ferguson, A. Gill, S. Hopkins, S. Kluttz, D. Kuti, B. Lewis, B. Llaneza, A. Lopez, J. Martin, C. Parrish, D. Pearce, J. Pearson, E. Rakes, M. Robb, C. Ross, R. Scott, J. Senn, J. Tingen, J. Vereen, N. Wood; Electric Bass: K. Queflander, J. Mason. Oboe: J. Francis. Bassoon: A. Pearce. Clarinet: J. Allen, S. Barbour, N. Barton, M. Beatman, N. Brown, C. Chapman, K. Chappell, M. Chappell, P. Chen, S. Collier, C. Coulter, E. Eichenlaub, K. Fountain, K. Green, M. Harris, R. Jones, C. Lloyd, A. Maxwell, K. MacAllister, J. McCrary, M. Petersen, L. Poland, M. Reams, J. Seward, N. Smith, M. Theis, B. Tolbert, A. Trammell, C. Tucker, E. Tucker, S. Wang, B. Weeks, A. Williamson. French Horns: K. Dahlin, D. Hayes, D. LaMountain, M. McHugh, A. Randall, N. Williams, A. Wright, C. Smith; Trombone: P. Bernier, D. Carroll, A. Cheatham, J. Clark, J. Fletcher, J. Jones, G. Lamb, S. Lichvar, T. Mohammed, A. Morrison, G. Neely, D. Osterbind, B. Roberts, J. Rotchford, K. Spain, T. Tormodsen, B. Tucker, K. Washington. Alto Sax: B. Berry, N. Boltin, R. Brown, M. Haskins, L. Jackson, C. Jackson, M. Jamison, J. Jefferson, H. Lamb, S. Osterbind, B. Rooks, J. Seaborne, D. Sherpherd, V. Smith, B. Spain, J. Surber, S. Wright. Tenor Sax: C. Bradford, S. Day, C. Everett, P. Fortune, J. Redford, G. Reiber, T. Tarantino, T. Von Cannon. Baritone Sax: D. Browder, J. Kamosky, M. Overholser. Baritone: C. Culpepper, R. Fleming, S. Lavelle, D. Macy, L. Madison, T. Neville, C. Davis. Tuba: N. Ford, J. Jiggetts, B. Munson, L. Phillips, B. Simmons, L. Watson. Percussion: W. Baskerville, W. Cary, K. Cosedine, S. Eacho, E. Eichenlaub, A. Fens, N. Graham, A. Grayberg, A. Griffin, N. Griffith, S. Jamison, C. Mills, G. Poulsen, T. Poulsen, N. Suttler, A. Thysell, D. Weeks, C. Williams, Z. Woodson.



STACIE SCOTT

It All Adds Up

The Science of Math

by meghan beatman

The Science department went on numerous fieldtrips. The Earth Science classes took a trip to Washington D.C. to see the Smithsonian. As freshman Andy Parker commented, "The best part was the mall." The Biology and Marine Science classes took on Busch Gardens. Senior Jamie Francis said, "when we all rode the carousel the old people were staring at us." Biology II and Marine Science classes went to the Marine Science Museum in Virginia Beach. A few students from Bird went to Florida where they got to snorkel, check out coral reefs, swim with dolphins, and sample the cuisine at the Hard Rock Cafe.

Two teams of students participated in the Envirothon, a contest requiring students to deal with an environmental problem. Team "C", consisting of Justin Anderson, Steven Boyd, Moona Em, Shannon McAnelly, Lindsay Nester, and alternate Angela Thomas, placed second. In third place was Team "A", made up of Scott Simmons, Glenn Neely, Tabatha Wilson, Vann Madison, and Paul Bass.

While the science department went out of the classroom to get some hands-on experience, students in the Math department had their hands full with Algebra, Calculus, Geometry. The Math honors society, Mu Alpha Theta, spent an afternoon helping their fellow students with math concepts and enjoying cookies and drinks. Tina Chen, a senior, remarked, "you learn from teaching others and its a good experience, too."

The Science and Math departments were hard at work showing students the skills they will need in this modern world.

Spanish Club: Row one: Mrs. Martha Joosse, Jessica David, Monae McBride, Brandi Weaver, Tina Chen, Sarah Cornett. Row two: Judith Schreiber, Sweta Patel, Julie Cash, Jessica Guthrie, Sarah Crow, Susan Russo, Patricia Moran, Kelly Hastings. Row three: Brian Sutton, April Taylor, Joel Carneal, Janelle Dumax-Baudron, Kelly Atkinson, Selena Carey. Last row: Ben Welchel, Nick Whitman, Mayur Desai, Katie Harding, Monique McBride, Robby Wood, Patty Chen, David Alfonte..

Thespian Society: Row one: Mike Mason, AmyJoyce Meacham, Sarah Price, Derek Meyer, Chris Miller, Amber Haley, Colleen Davis. Row two: Michelle Adams, Cayce Orion, Jeff Cole, Andrea Tetreault, Sarah Rousseau, Craig Ainsworth, Laura Basehore, Kim Wheeler, Kristen Marsh. Row three: Mr. Steve Earle, Ms. Keri Wormald.

Getting Dirty

Working with our Hands

by brandon rooks

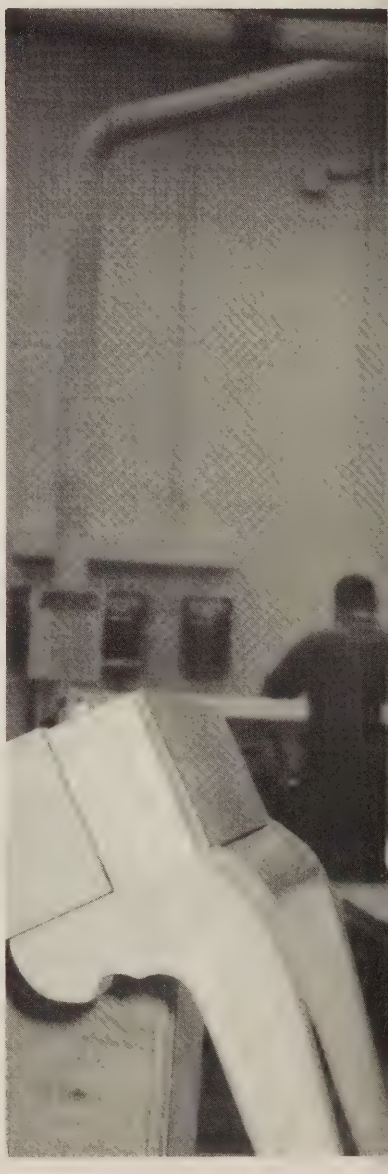
Futures for many students depended on what was learned in auto mechanics, woodshop, and technical drawing classes. These students worked hard to get ahead and tried to make the best career choices.

Woodshop students worked on everything from tables to tree stands. They not only built a variety of objects for their own use but also built things for others. "I made a tree stand to help me through hunting season," said senior Andy Gorman. "I thought it would be good to build a home entertainment center for my family," commented senior Mike Stevens.

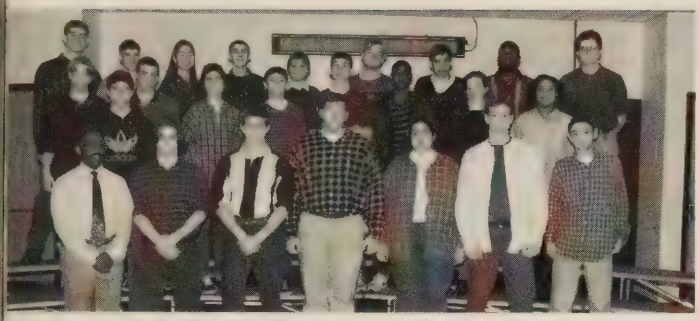
The auto mechanics classes finished a big project this year. They completely rebuilt a truck - from repainting the body all the way to rebuilding the engine. "I like this class because I can work on my '68 Chevy SS396," said senior Shane Blackmon. This class not only prepared students for careers but also taught practical knowledge for car owners. Wayne Painter said, "This class is a stepping stone to my future job." Shawn Martin said, "I took this class to learn how to take care of my car, but I also learned some performance tricks too!"

Old dogs, new tricks. Vernon Frampton shows a program on the computer. "I was demonstating the AutoCAD to a man at the fair," said Frampton.

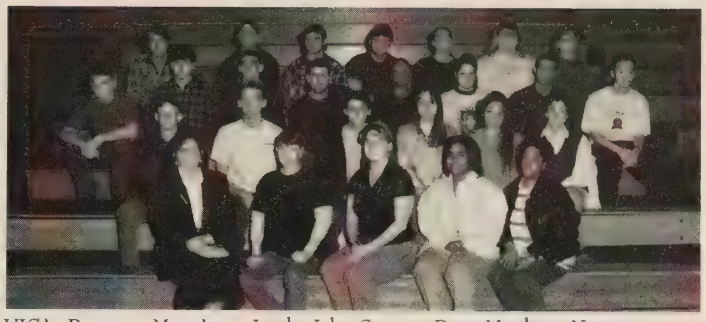
JERRY MCLAUGHLIN



On the bench. Senior Bjorn Gaessner works on a project in Woodshop class. "Not only was the class fun, I also learned how to make some pretty cool projects," said Gaessner.



TSA: Row one: Mr. Jerry McLaughlin, Vernon Frampton, Wes Hitt, Jarrett Kamosky, Sara Lowery, Justin Leatherwood, Nick Wittman. Row two: Corey Bradford. Row three: Eric Eichenlaub, David Bayford, Katie Harding, Sean Wheeler, Ben Welchel, Adedamola Adebayo, Kelly Woody, Georgetta Caprita, Brad Mustain, Brian McPeters, Brain West, Adam Wilkerson.



VICA: Row one: Mrs. Angie Lively, John Stewart, Dana Meadows, Nancy Graham, Javonda Yates. Row two: Nick White, Kelton Lowery, Jason Goodfellow, Amanda Gemundt, Janoris Benitez, Christina Fabulic. Row three: Mark Wilson, Mike Tracy, Josh McCormick, Jerrod Lovern, Diane Parks, Alexis Tucker, Mohammed Dokes, Tony Champaco, Chris Zambrosky, Chris Noel, Jason Alley, Chris Andrews, Jessica Clough, Katherine Reid, Melanie Porter.

TECH./VOC.

TABATHA DAWSON

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Fixing the problem. Senior Matt Young evaluates a problem before he attempts to correct it. "This is a great class. I've learned more than I ever thought I would. Now I don't need to pay someone to fix my car," said Young.

TABATHA DAWSON

Taking care of that car. Warren Murphy changes the oil filter on his truck. "I was way overdue for an oil change, so I practiced during class," said Murphy.

JERRY MCLAUGHLIN

Hands-on day. Senior Sara Lowery shows two fairgoers how to use her program. People came to her and other TSA students to see demonstrations of the programs they use.

TABATHA DAWSON

Coordinating. Crystal Wood and Tanya Ragland prepare a balloon order for the morning delivery. They are responsible for getting the balloons prepared and delivered each day.

TABATHA DAWSON

The main ingredient. Rayshelle Mayo fills her balloons right before she takes them to other students. The balloon store prepares the balloons the day of the order for the best use of helium gas.

TABATHA DAWSON

Foil fun. With a little help from Mrs. Pritchett, Marius Hamilton chooses a foil balloon for his order. Attention to detail is inportant in running this "business."

Picking the right arrangement. Chris Dalton and Rayshelle Mayo choose their balloons for a bouquet they are working on. Each student was ready and willing to help get the job done.

EXCEPTIONAL ED.

Spanish Honors. Row one: Patti Chen, Nicole Brown, Sweta Patel, Sarah Rousseau, Meghan Grabow, Mike Joosse. Row two: Janelle Dumax-Baudron, Nancy Caramucci, Kristin Smith, Zakiya Mudiwa, Namrata Patel, Sara Cornett, Matt Joosse, Angie Frith. Row three: Glenn Neely, Shane Osterbind, Russ Clement, Lynda Guthmann, Sherwin Chapman, Jeffrey Halbig, Michael Barnett.

Japanese Honor Society. Row one: Katy Brightly, Chris Miller, Marc Temple, Moira O'Brien, Miranda Cobbs.

TABATHA DAWSON

Education is the Key

Unlocking Life's Lessons

by brandon rooks

Exceptional students and assets to the community, the MoMD classes work hard to divide their time between the books and social life.

Students from the MoMD classes start the day off right by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance over the P.A. These students also participate in weekly field trips, job training skills, and sports.

For weekly outings, community services and businesses open their doors to MoMD students. Places such as libraries, grocery stores, malls, bowling alleys, and parks allow their facilities to be used in order to teach students how to handle money, interact with workers and customers, and to be safe. The students are then able to utilize their skills in school related jobs-- cafeteria and janitorial work. MiMD students work in the bookstore, filling and delivering balloon orders. This experience and training helps prepare both MiMD and MoMD students for the future.

"Our students love being part of the Skyhawk family. They enjoy being involved in some of the regular education classes, going to the pep rallies, and attending assemblies," said Mrs. Ferguson of the MoMd students.

TABATHA DAWSON

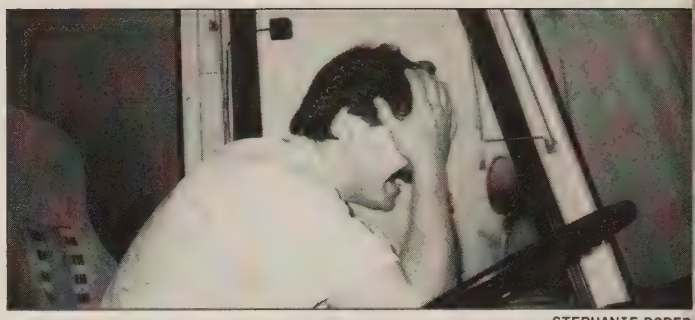
Patriotic beginnings. Ranae Eberle gets the school day off to a great start with her recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Key Club. Row one: Jessica Rotchford, Sarah Crow, Shelby Blair, Sarah Cornett, J.R. Evans. Row two: Stacie Kibiloski, Monae McBride, Laina Eckard, Kimberly England. Row three: Jocelyn Woodward, Erica Godwin, Sarah Hastings, Jennifer Waiton, Amy Fife, Kelly Hastings, Aimee Maxwell. Row four: Monae McBride, Neil Carty, Tabatha Wilson, Joel Carneal, Shelly Lichvar, Brian Simmons.

JHS. Front row: Shane Osterbind, Meagan Stephenson, Kelly Hastings, Moona Em. Row two: Nicole Weaver, Sarah Hastings, Katie Harding, Monique McBride. Row three: Tim Marsh, Katy Brightly, Stacie Kibiloski, Annie Gill. Row four: Jamie Whitlow, Riley Irving.

LAURA FITZHUGH

Executive decisions. "It was one of the best trips I've ever been on and we all wish we could have stayed longer," commented senior Mike King (at far left).



STEPHANIE ROPER

Accidents happen! The bus driver reacts to a taxi hitting his bus in the middle of New York City. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

Smarter Living

The Window to the Future

by meghan beatman

The business leaders of tomorrow prepared for their future by gaining valuable experience in the classroom and out in the workplace. "Graduates who come back to visit tell us that business classes were the ones that helped them the most in what they're doing today," commented Mrs. Wisneski.

Several students from the business classes participated in many business-related activities. Six students were selected to visit county offices and see how they work for Business Day. Patty Chen, who visited the Transportation Office, describing the experience as being "very neat to learn how people construct roads." Brandy Cone was one of four students who attended Bank Day, where they learned as a banker's "Shadow" for a day. Cone, a senior, said, "It's a lot of hard work, but you get to meet a lot of interesting people."

'Lifesmarts' was a game show that tested the knowledge of consumer information that eight Bird students participated in, including Angela Griffin, who added, "I've learned a lot from 'Lifesmarts' and I know now how to manage my money."

The Future Business Leaders of America came in second in the county for their membership size. They supported a family at Christmas by making a sizeable contribution and collected $35 for the WRVA Shoe Fund. The FBLA and Mrs. Brown's class went to New York City. Their trip included being in the audience of the "Today" show, the" Montel Williams" show, eating at Hard Rock Cafe, and seeing the Empire State Building. They also went to the Sony Wonder Technology Lab and the New York Stock Exchange, then to a presentation on marketing by Macy's.

Working for a living. Kelvin Rivas shows off his computer skills in his BCA class.

STEPHANIE ROPER

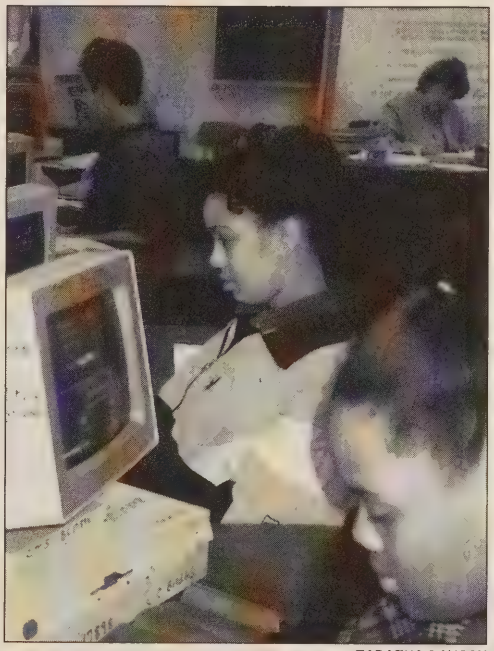
Dynamic Duo. "We had a great time, but we're ready to be home." said exhausted junior Addie Graber.

STEPHANIE ROPER

The trip home. Mandy Willis, Amanda Walters, and Ebonee Murray talk about the trip as they relax on their way back to Virginia.

BUSINESS

STACIE SCOTT



TABATHA DAWSON

TONIA SANBORN

What a man?! Mrs. Laura Fitzhugh and Mrs. Stephanie Roper get aqainted with the locals while waiting to enter the Sony Wonder Lab.

Making the grade. "Practice a lot and work hard and you'll make it in Mrs. Wiz's class," said Brandi Taylor and Brandi Pemberton.

TABATHA DAWSON

Disconnected. While the computers were down, Jimmy Hines, Jennifer Phillips, and Dani Montejano resort to other means of entertainment.

KERI WORMALD

Family bonding. The students in the 3rd period acting class have formed a special relationship. They have tried odd things before, but nothing as odd as walking on each other in a circle.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Broadway, here we come. Meredith Caldwell, Tracy Krusniak and Stephanie Vaughn enjoy the city around them. In VHSL State Competition at the Landmark Theater, they passed the time on the VCU campus.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Go, go, go, Joe! Mr. Earle and Ms. Wormald proudly stand by the set that held *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.* "They were one of the best casts I've ever had; they were all great kids," said Mr. Earle.

THEATRE

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Multi-talented. Rob Hornbuckle paints a set in his acting class during "hell week." There is so much that the Tech classes need to do; they need as many hands as they can get.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Give my regards to college. "Sure I'll type your resumes for you but it's going to cost you five dollars a page, and you have to remember me when you get to Broadway," says Ms. Wormald about helping students with resumes and letters of recommendation.

To Be or Not to Be

The Tricks of the Trade

by amyjoyce meacham

Lights illuminate an actor sitting at a desk, surrounded by a room designed elaborately. The actor commences his lines. Energy rises as the audience awaits. There is nothing left of the room besides his face, his voice, and his emotion. The moment...is gone.

The art of theatre at L.C. Bird has grown rapidly in the past few years; the department now has 7 acting and 3 production classes. "It takes three years to make or break a theatre department," says Ms. Wormald.

With Mr. Steve J. Earle and Ms. Keri Wormald on board, there is room for more students and more individualized attention. Together they help the actors and "techies" grow in theatre and as young adults. When asked why he likes having two teachers, Will Ogle said, "because both of them teach from different perspectives and you get a well-rounded experience." "There's a diversity in their acting styles and approaches. Ms. Wormald's directing eye and Mr. Earle's acting experience makes our performances clean-cut," said Tabatha Dawson.

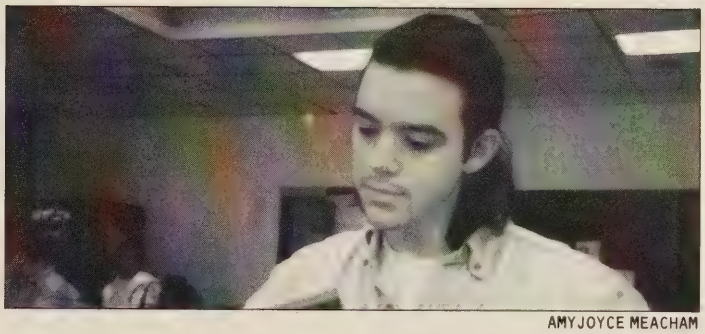
For those who love theatre, majoring in it is a big decision. This year there are two seniors who wish to study drama in college. Jeff Cole and Andrew Mayton are working hard planning their futures. Cole has already been accepted into VCU's theatre department, and Mayton has been going to every stage combat workshop he hears of. "The first course that I took with David Leong (one of only nine certified fight masters in the United States) helped me to decide that I wanted to be a certified master." Andrew has applied for a major in acting at two universities. Theatre is a very stressful career choice and one must be extremely dedicated to achieve it.

Each of the Theatre III-IV classes this year performed at one-act competitions. Ms. Wormald's 6th period class performed "The Love Doctor" at Virginia Theatre Association. They also attended workshops and seminars at the competition. "I went to a workshop because I knew it would be useful in my pursuit of an acting career," said Derek Meyer.

Ms. Wormald's 3rd period acting class wrote their own one-act: "The Course of True Love Never Did Run Smooth." It was a play about the history of theatre and love through the ages. They performed at Virginia High School League, taking first place in both Districts and Regionals. They went on to State and performed at the Landmark Theatre. The Theatre Department continues to evolve and become more impressive each year.

AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Why do you dress like that? Jenny Robertson and Lindsay Nester work on a mother-daughter scene from "Crying Out." It was performed on June 2nd during 6th period for the student body.



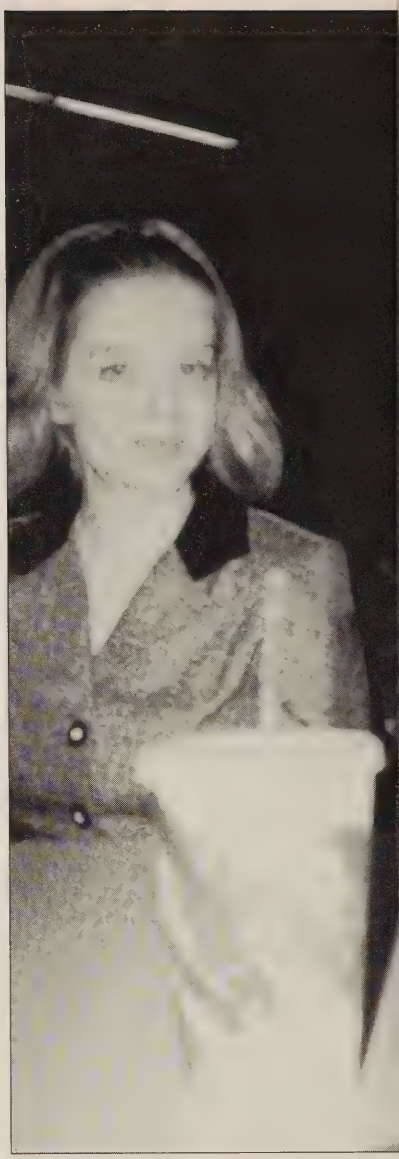
AMYJOYCE MEACHAM

Acting. "It's just a dream that I've had for a while," said Andrew Mayton, as he studies a book about fencing. He has studied hard for a career in theatre.

Dangerous Minds

Meeting the Challenge

by brandon rooks



Homer, Aristotle, Frederick Douglas, and Martin Luther King, Jr. were all great thinkers who provoked world-wide change and progress throughout history. And it was no exception this year for the school to have its own great thinkers and "dangerous" minds.

Dedicated to the expansion of their minds, these students join organizations such as Battle of the Brains, Forensics, and the Debate team. These clubs allow great thinkers to unite with each other to discuss education, world issues, politics, and just have fun.

"We have a great time together in Debate. It's a lot of fun and a learning process through discussion. I have been exposed to new ideas and thought processes" comments Erin Tucker, a member of the Debate team.

"We attended several invitational tournaments for debate and had lots of fun." said Mr. Cormier, the sponsor of the debate team.

Also in the speaking arena was WBRD, the fully student-run "information station." Under the direction of speech teacher John Mingus and in its first full year of production, WBRD brought daily announcements to students at the end of first period. Seniors Scott Williams and Angela Brown were named announcers of the year for their outstanding work.

Maybe one day, a Bird student will be involved with either provoking world-change, or bringing us the news of world events.

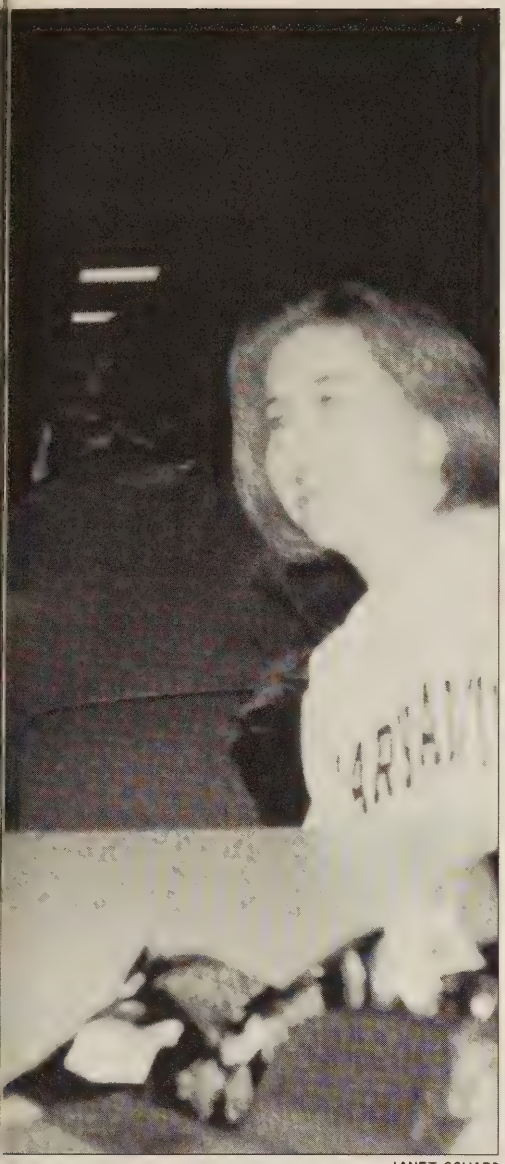
ANGELA HOWSMON

WBRD. Row one: Stephanie Smith, Peter Hodge. Row two: Michelle Conner, Montrell Yates, Justin Ruble, Drew Hayes, Jonathan Knowles, Sarah Price. Row three: Anna White, Jonathan Banks, Angie Brown, Mike Mason, Mr. Mingus, Jacqueline Kniska, Greg Fanzler, Dylan Brod, Scott Williams, Chris McNew. Row five: Bo Harding.

ANGELA HOWSMON

Quill & Scroll. Row one: Jacqueline Kniska, Amy Matthews, Carla Morris, Erin Hundley, Amelia Fultz. Row two: Tonya Spade, Patrick Burke, Mike Joosse, Lynda Guthmann.

Team of Success. The Battle of the Brains stood the test of time by particapating in several competitions. They proved the strong emphasis placed on education at Bird.

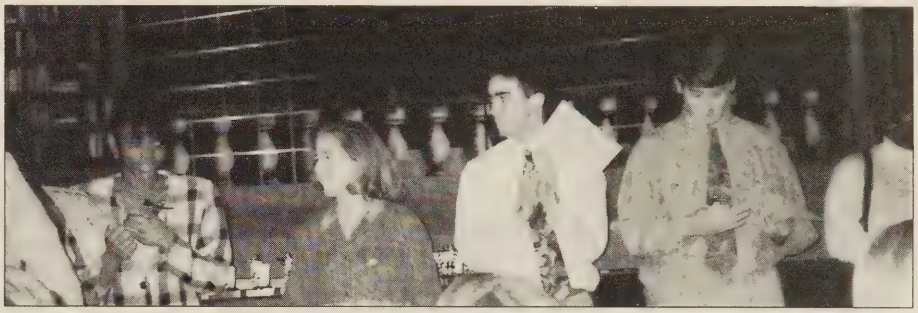


JANET COWARD

Waiting for the results. Corrie Ward and Lisa Coward awaiting the awards ceremony at the 1997 Longwood Forensics Invitational.

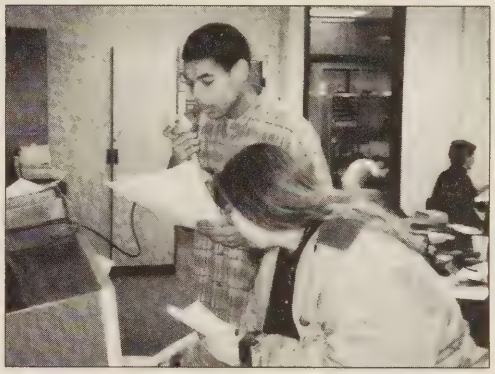
MARSHALL TRAMMELL

And the winner is... Senior Lisa Coward waits for her award for Forensics at the 1997 fair. Her achivement was consistently impressive.



JANET COWARD

Speaking out. Jonathan Banks reads morning news over WBRD. "Being an announcer has given me more self-confidence. I think everyone could benefit from this exciting experience," said Banks.



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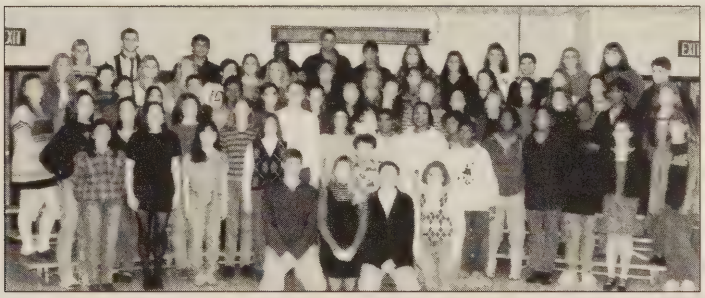

DAVID CALDWELL

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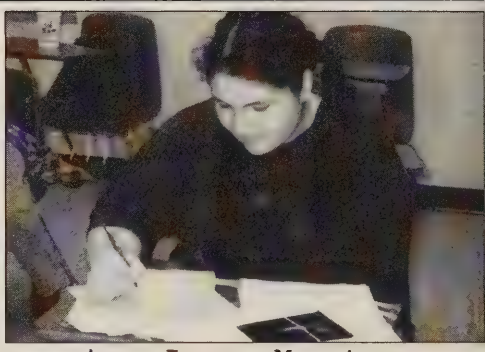

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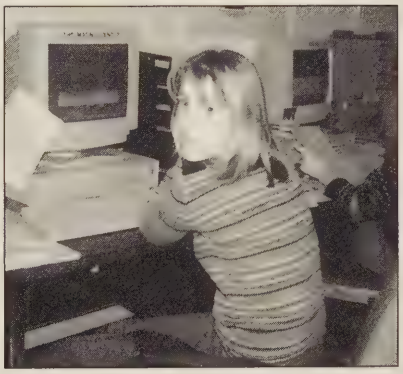

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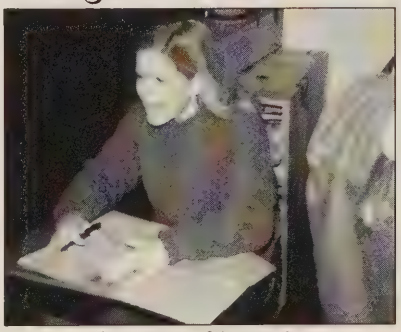

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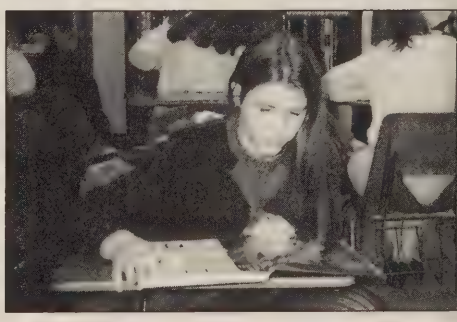

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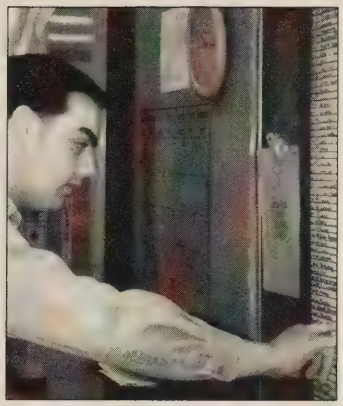

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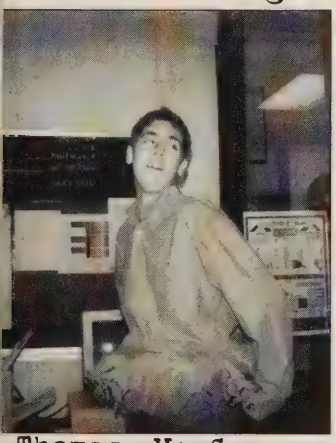

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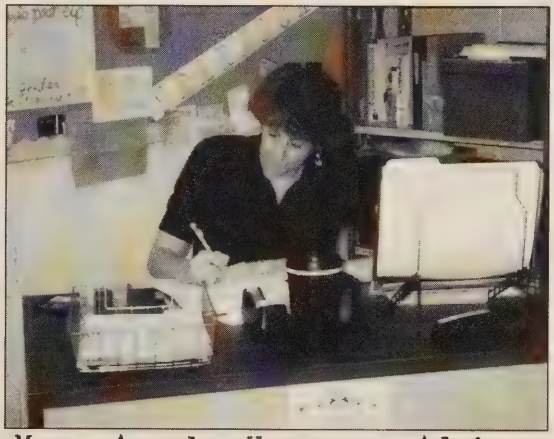

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Surprises from "Santa". Senior

Jennifer Ogden prepares a present for

L O O K

the Christmas Mother program.

"We had fun this year, shopping and

AROUND TOWN

wrapping the gifts for our SCA

Christmas family."

tiwana davis

Congratulations Tiwana, we are very proud of you for exemplifying Christ in your life. Always remember Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me." We love you.

Mom, Dad, Dee, Ceasar & Josh

kim grady

Congratulations, Kimi! There's never been a dull moment but we've enjoyed them all. We know you can do anything in life you want- and we're betting you will. Best of luck always.

Love from Mom, Dad, and Kristi

karen gibbs

Dear Karen,

You are a beautiful and wise young lady and you have made us very proud. The strict lifestyle that you have chosen to follow has given you the opportunity to walk with your head held high. Thanks for listening to us and giving us few, if any, worries. May God bless and watch over you as you follow your dreams. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Nanny

brian muller

When you were born, everyone congratulated us on the birth of a fine young man. They must have been psychic. You make us so proud. CONGRATULATIONS!! Thanks for 18 years of joy and happiness. We look forward to sharing your bright and exciting future with you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

allen lewis

Allen - you have always given so much love and joy to us. You have touched many people with your heart. We are so proud of the wonderful man you have become. Keep that sparkle in your eyes, and may happiness and success be with you always.

We love You!
Mom, Dad, and Brandon

lindsay seamen

"Spilled on this earth are all the joys of heaven." How lucky we are your kind and gentle soul spilled on our family. You have brought us joy and made us proud. We love you.

Mom, Dad, and George

denise hayes

Always follow your dreams
We are proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Billy

angie frith

January 19, 1979, I was blessed with a beautiful little girl. You have brought such love and happiness in my life the past 18 years. As you aprroach graduation my eyes fill with tears and my heart with sadness that my little girl is grown up now and about to start her new journey in life. Your loving and caring nature has made me proud to be your mom. You're a wonderful daughter and I wish you much happiness and success. I'll always be here for you.
Love you lots,
Mom

alan m. trammell

Your love of God, life, family, friends, and learning will serve you well as you continue to traverse "the road less traveled."
Congratulations!
With pride and love,
Mom and Dad

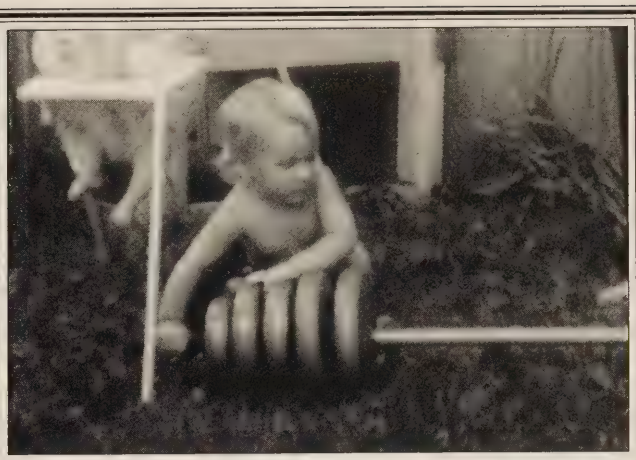
rachael woodrum

It seems like only yesterday you were our "Little Miss Marie." Now, you have become a wonderful young lady ready to graduate and move on to the next stages in your life. Whatever your future choices, always know we are here for you.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom and Ron

susan hume

Suzy, we can hardly believe you've reached this time of high school gratuation. Congratulations and know that our love and prayers are with you always. We're looking forward to many wonderful times shared with you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kathy, Crystal,
Granny, Papa, and Gimma



dale seymour

The past four years have been some of the hardest, happiest, saddest, and BEST of your life. The only people who could possibly imagine what hard work and dedication you have had to deal with are your family and Coach Rafferty. We would like you to know that we think you are the most dedicated and hard-working person and you will take those legacies with you to VMI.

Dale, we know you will do well at whatever you do, and we all love you very much.

Good luck (not that you'll need it!)

erin k. tucker

The pride, love, and joy we feel from sharing your life can't be measured. Keep being yourself and keep aiming high.

Mom, Dad, and Brandon

kelly jean woody

Your father and I can hardly believe how time has passed so quickly. It seems like only yesterday you were a precious, adorable little girl come to live with us. Now you are a beautiful, grown-up, young lady. You are beautiful inside and out. We are so proud of you, and wish the very best for your future.

tiffani poulsen

Go for it, "T." You have much to offer to the world. Thanks for all you've contributed to our world.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Paul, Becky, Chad, Michelle, Gretel, Britni, Kylee and Katelyn

tennille chisholm

Dearest Tennille,
Congratulations! This marks a new beginning, so spread your wings and fly to all kinds of places! Sample life while you can and be willing to take chances. Just remember where your roots are and that I'll always be there for you!
As always... Love, Mom

MARRIED!!! I didn't really get married, did I? You really thought you and your sister were having a double wedding. That is why you kept your eyes closed all the way down the aisle. We are blessed very much with caboose. The years have gone by all too fast and now you are our young man. Always remember your Creator and His words.
Congratulations!
All of our love, Daddy, Mama, Will, Crystal and Robin

matthew young

Best of luck in all that you do!!
We love ya!!
Dad, Mom, Lynn and Amanda

laurie s. hobeck

We have watched you grow up to be a fine young man and we are very proud of you. We will always try to be there for you in the future whenever you might need us. Good luck as you continue your travels down the road of life; continue to learn, have fun, and take things in stride.
With all our love,
Dad and Kathi

eric p. hunter

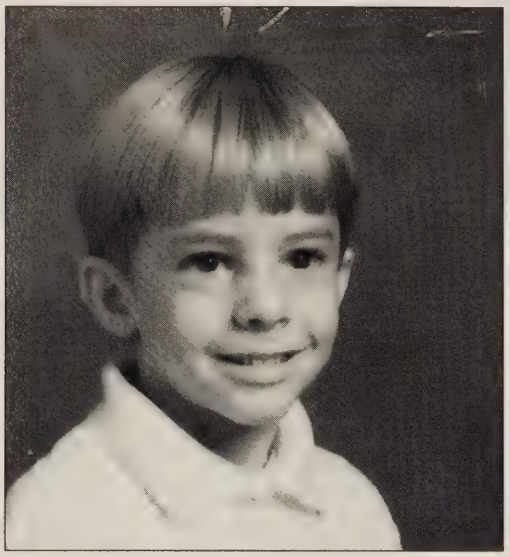
j. adam jones

Congratulations, Adam! We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams and you'll have a bright future.
Love,
Mom and Dad

kevin consedine

Years ago you had a goal in mind and now you are on your way! Enjoy the exciting journey.
Love,
Mom and Dad

thomas kozak



The ones who love you the most know how hard you have struggled to get to this day.
We are so proud of you,
Mom, Dad, Katie, and Maggie
Special thanks for all the support and encouragement from Mrs. Shurlds and Mrs. Smith

brandon farris

Congratulations "Bucky". Always remember... Ask and it shall be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matthew 7:7,8 We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Adam

catherine faris

Cathy, you are talented, caring, and have a wonderful sense of humor. We are very proud of you and wish you happiness and success in all you do.
Love, Mom, Dad, Allie, Debbie,
Laura, Terry, Al, Sam, and Timmy

tabatha wilson

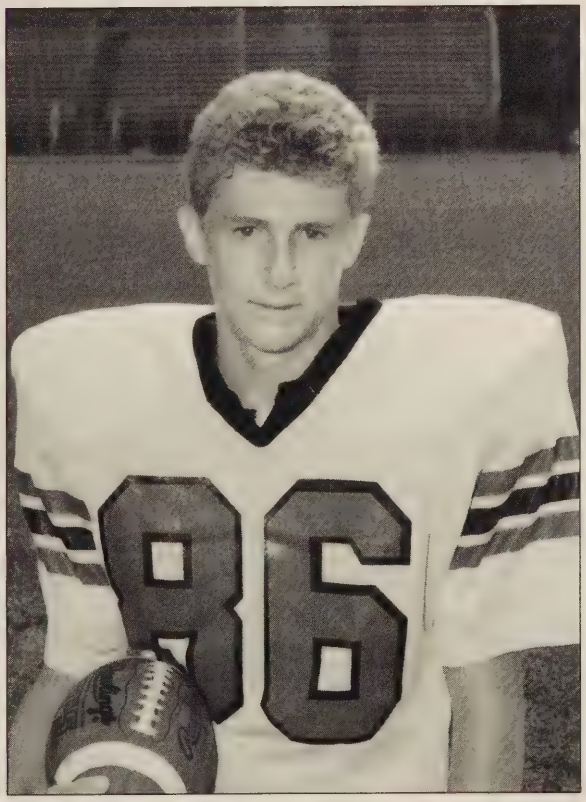
We're very proud of you and we wish you all the happiness in the world. You were a beautiful child and now you're a beautiful young lady inside and outside.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Melissa, Sandy, J.J., and Jessica

robby wood

Congratulations! May all your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lauren

mark pill

Mark, "Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal."
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emma, Rebecca



roland daniel browder

Words cannot explain how proud I am of this guitar-playing, saxaphone-blowing, football-kicking, bowling, ever-eating and sleeping young man. You have been a dream come true to me and I thank God for you daily - now get out there and make a few dreams of your own come true!
Love always, Mom

Congratulations Colin.
Life started you off on a rough road, but you never looked back. We are so proud to have you as our son and to have shared these last eighteen years which passed so fast. Keep your determination and goals in life and you will go far because you deserve the "best" life has to offer. You are truly the wind beneath our wings and we love you very much. Always hold onto your dreams and goals in life and "you will make it!"
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Garrett

colin hunter wells

You have grown into a loving, caring
young lady and we are proud of you.
Love you bunches!
Mom and Dad

amber michelle ozmar

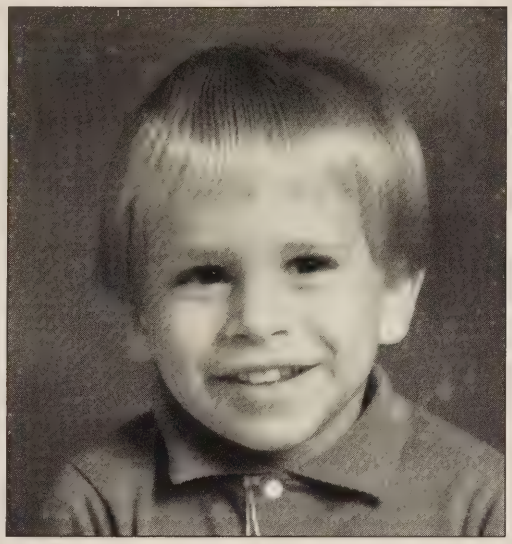
Son
From the moment I
looked at your face,
I knew you were a gift
of God's good grace-
A miracle!
With your cheeks of rose,
lips of cherries and eyes
full of warmth, love
and curiosity of the world
unknown.
And then, before I knew
a young boy you grew,
filled with determination
to grow all there is from
education.
And now, Son, you're a young
man- always there to lend a
hand to anyone in need.
Always willing to take a stand,
with a master plan, to do
all there is to succeed.

barry a. holmes jr.

jesse blevins

I love your sense of humor, your wit, your style and charm. No one could ever love someone and believe in them more deeply than I love and believe in you. Be confident in your abilities. You can succeed in whatever you strive to do. You've made me very proud of you. Congratulations!
Love,
Mom

jeffrey alan cole



Dear Jeff- You know that you've been the one most important thing in our lives. Congratulations on completing the first twelve years of your education. Remember that your whole life is a continual learning process. Always try to do the right things and make the right choices, then you can be whatever you want.
We're always here for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

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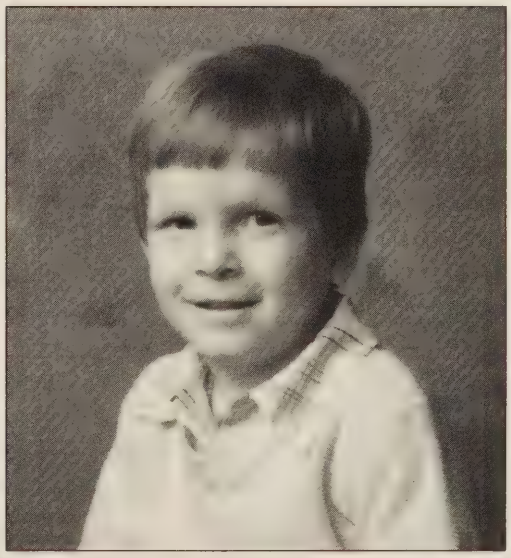
Botany and Blossom

michelle snyder

Michelle, from the moment you came into this world, we knew you were special. May God continue to show you his path for your life and keep you safe. We are so very proud of you.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Jennifer and Jamie

Go "B" -- Congratulations Brad. We are very proud of you and wish you lots of success and happiness in the coming years. Remember- It doesn't matter if you win or lose, its how you play the game. (aka-Carl)
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Jeff



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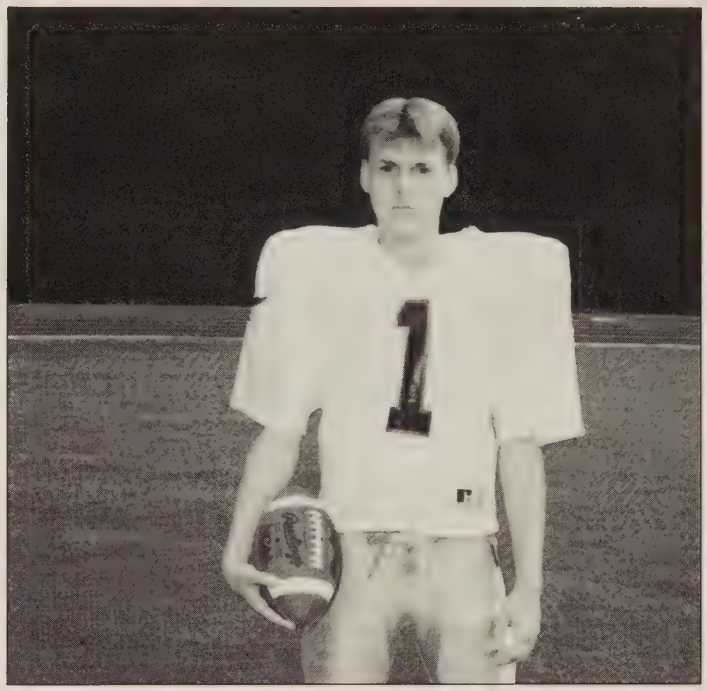
jeff matthews

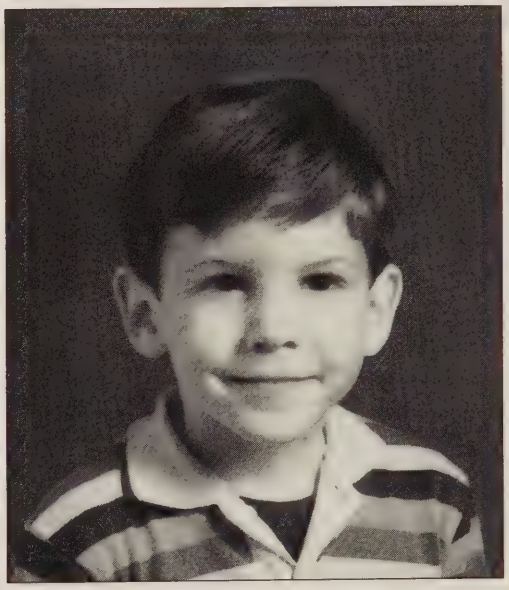


All district, all region, all metro, coaches' All-State team, 1995. You were #1 on the football program and are #1 in our hearts.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Ashley

rebekah kirkman

Rebekah, we are thankful for you and all the joy you have brought us- you are an "individual" with "determination" and "lots of love" for everyone. Remember "you never fail until you try for the last time."
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Mary

brian j. sutton



Brian - From kindergarten through your senior year, you have always worked so very hard and made us so very proud. We know you will do well in college and beyond.
Congratulations!
Love always,
Mom and Erin

erin hundley and haylie lum

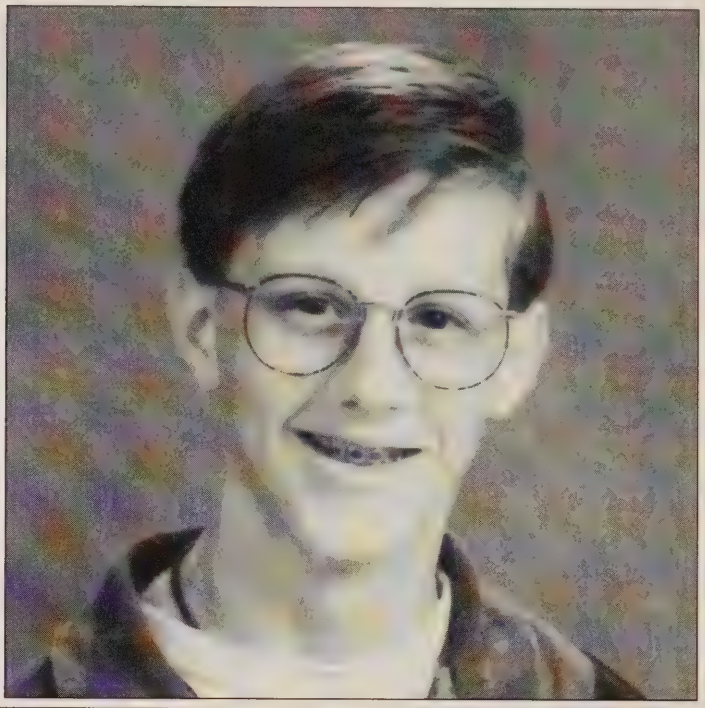
One chapter ending, another beginning. Your wit, charm, and outgoing personality promise to make it exciting. Keep life full of fun!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Chad, and Matthew

YOU ARE THERE

When I'm confused
and frustrated
You are there to teach me.
When I think things
could only get worse
You are there to help me.
When I don't know where
to go
You are there to lead me.
When I think I
am all alone
You are there beside me.
When I need you
You are there...
I'll be there
for you.

Your heart and soul is as beautiful as the island where you were born. Continue to live the rest of your life as you have lived the first seventeen years and you will be blessed with love, happiness and success.
My love always, Mom

eric hunter



You've made new friends
And kept the old
Friendships are more precious
Than silver and gold.

Eric, you soared with the Eagles,
Conquered with the Knights,
Found a place with the Skyhawks;
I'd say you've done all right!

You've gone from Sammy to Willie
But none can compare
to the "Angel in My Pocket"
Who said he'd always be there.

Your "Bird" days have flown by
I was afraid they would drag.
We have kept alive our spirits
Of that we can brag.

Your college days are next.
is it really that time so soon?
Keep trying, do your best
Reach higher than the moon.

You'll be fine and will do great
At whatever YOU choose.
Just remember we are here
And are SO PROUD OF YOU!

We love you (keep your smile), Mama, Harry and Evan

kitara garris

Congratulations to a very special daughter and sister. Thank you for a job well done. We are so proud of you. Here's wishing you love, joy and happiness throughout your life. We love you Tawa.
Always,
Mom, Dad, and Nic

becky blocker

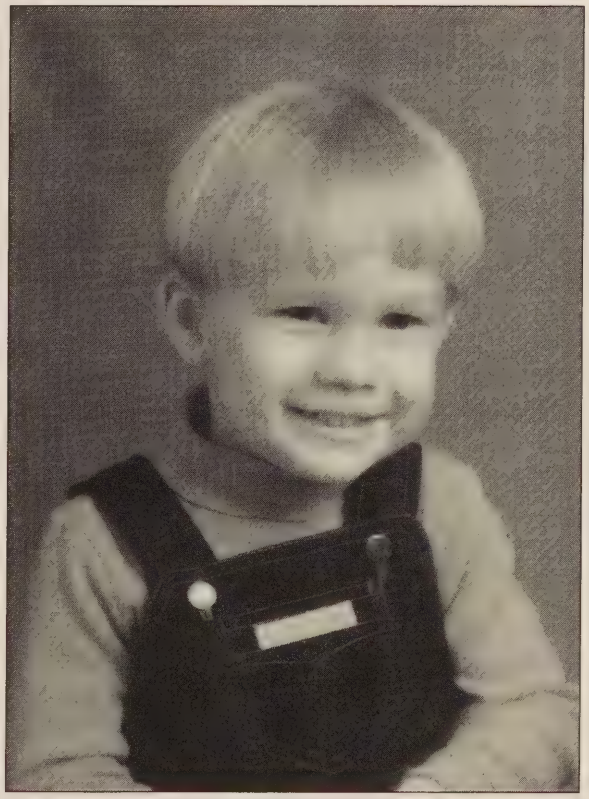
Becky, I love you so much. You are my sweet little girl. I am so proud of you. You are perfect in every way. I know your dreams for the future will come true . You have a good head on your shoulders and whatever you decide to do, I will always be there for you. You're not only my daughter, but my best friend. Mom.

jessica david

Congratulations "Dee Dee!" We are so happy for you and proud of you! A miracle from the beginning, we pray that God will ever lead and guide you to even greater success.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Justine, Jeanette, and "The Boys"

chris andrews

Chris, CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of you and we wish you a life filled with success and happiness.
Love ya,
Mom and Dad



nicholas r. ford

Nicholas,
We are very proud of you. May all your dreams come true.
Love,
Mom and Dad

carolyn basehore

Carolyn,
You've been God's blessing to us always...
May His blessing go before you all the days
of your life.
Love,
Mom and Dad

michael t. stevens

As you continue down the highway of life, keep smiling and keep truckin'. WE LOVE YOU BIG FOOT.
Mom, Dad, Terri, Jenny and HoBo

alicia beth jackson

This was the beginning of your future. You have fulfilled it with the greatest expectations any parent could ever dream of. We hope and pray all of your tomorrows be as wonderful as you have made our yesterdays. We love you very much for the caring and special person you are.

Courtney- On April 4, 1979, we were Blessed with a beautiful, dark-haired, dark-complexioned little girl. Boy have you changed! You have become even more beautiful-not just on the outside, but on the inside too. You are loving, caring and oh, so giving! God is such an important part of your life-remember to thank Him for every day and to look to Him for EVERY thing. We are so proud of the young lady you have become and we love you VERY much.
Love always!
Mama & Ashley, Daddy & Brenda

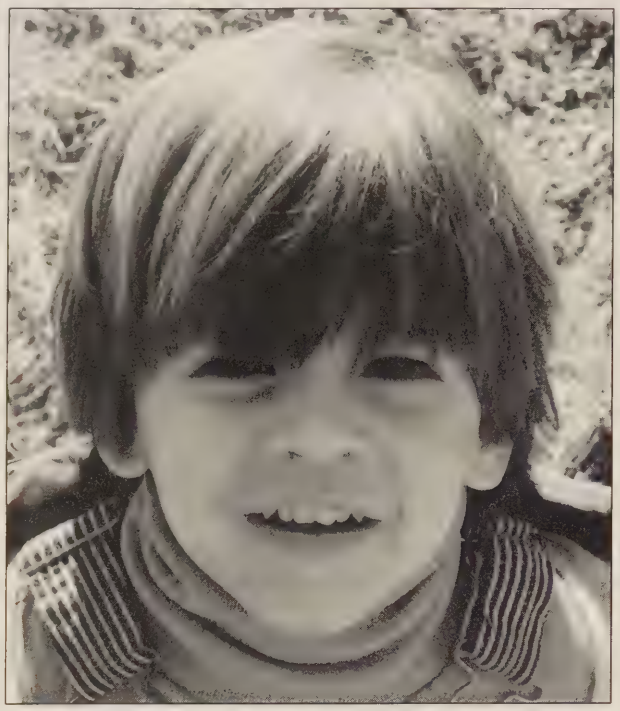
courtney pollard

marcy harper

You have always been very special to us, and your spirit will take you far in life.
Mom & Dad

daniella montejano

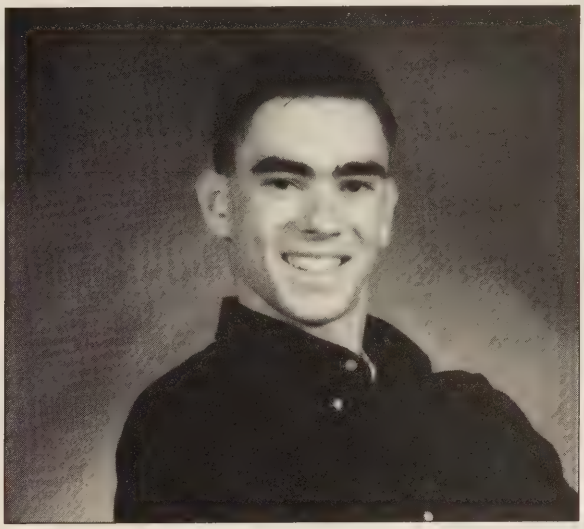
Dani, you have always been the #1 girl in our lives. You have grown into a strong and beautiful woman. We are so very proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors. We know you will have a happy and full life. Please always remember to stay tough, but stay sweet!
All our love, Mom, Dad, Kevin, and Carlos



Andy,
Just a few words: surprise, joy, creative, verbal, friendly, debator, argumentive, charming, entertaining, funny, strong, loving, musical, free-spirited, talented, persistant, procrastinator, questionable, good-hearted, supportive, reliable, happy, inquisitive, sleepy, relaxed, theatrical, empathetic, spontaneous, son, man...
You have always been a blessing.
Love,
Mom and Dad

andrew elias brown

We are all very proud of you. We know you are going to "fly" off to a great future! May all your dreams come true.
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Laura, Lisa, and Brian

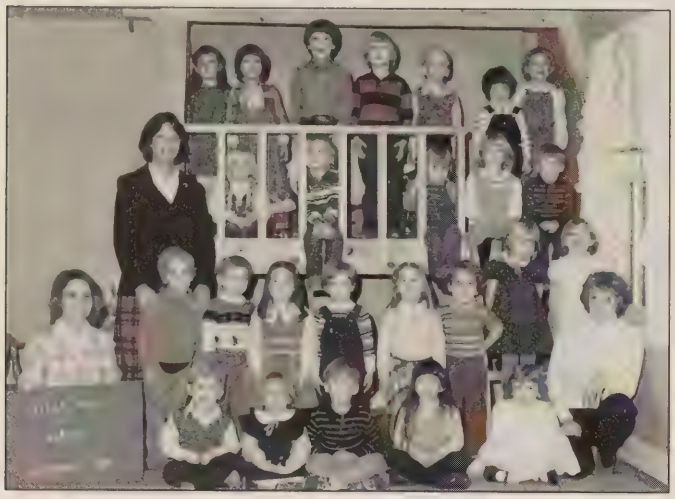


george reiber

Wish life had a "Rewind" button so we could enjoy the last 18 years again. But we only have a "Pause" to look back with pride on the child you were and "Forward" with the excitement to the person you are becoming. Whatever the future holds, you will always have our total love and support! Congratulations Brandon!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Jennifer

brandon rooks

The Little Play School, LTD
Class of 1982-1983



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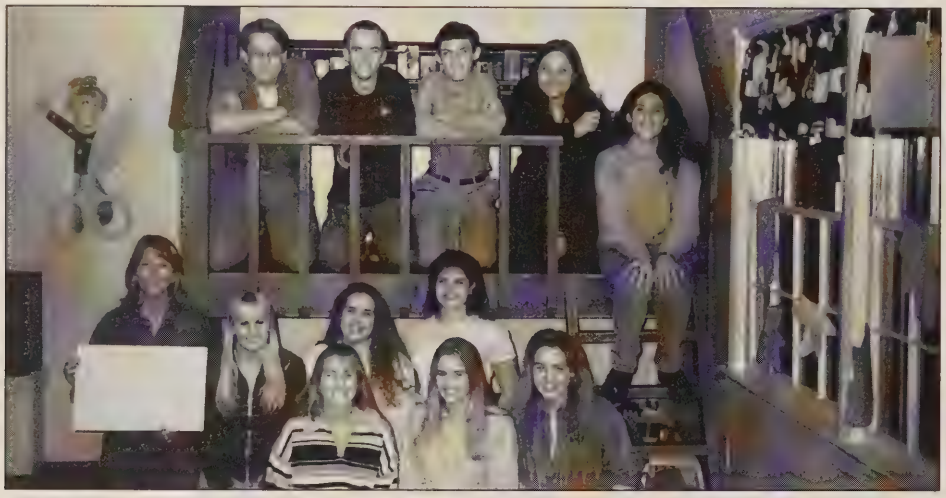
L.C. Bird Class of 1997



Congratulations To All!

Front: Amy Matthews, Megan Bain, Miranda (Andie) Altice
Row Two: Sherry Taylor; Owner, Melissa Weston, Kelly Atkinson, Kim Grady
Row Three: Nicholas Ford, Shane Blackmon, Alan Trammell, Adrian Pearce, Jocelyn Woodward

jessica rotchford

Congratulations Jessica! We're so proud of you! We know the best is yet to come.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Shelly, James, and Caitlin

melanie dawn moore

Follow your dreams to success.
Keep up the great work.
Always give it your best.
We love you,
Mike and Mom

catherine fens

Congratulatons Catherine! We're very proud of you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Johnny, Peter, Chris, Jeannie, David, Terri, Andy and Lisa

lisa lynn ebert

Lisa, getting off the bus the first day of school, you said, "I'm never going back to that place again." Here you are graduating from high school. We are so proud of you. You have brought great joy and love into our lives.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Cindy

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*Swimming in Woodland Pond...the jacuzzi*Al's bathing suit and toothbrush*"there are police in the woods!"*underwear in my pocket*Jocelyn wiggin' at Amoco*Fighting Gravity*River City Diner*jailbait in Treemont*Karaoke!*Monopoly at 3:00 A.M.*Dazed and Confused*OH MY GODWIN!*SENIORS-Smile! You love us! Smile!*Tanya's tape*Hangin' with the Phillly Boys*Macarena at River's Bend*She drove my car to Tony's*"Angry" Jonny D.*Hillary driving stick-shift*Erica disappeared!*"Here Jay, talk to Hillary!"*Sunchips and Chachos*"We've only got 15..."*The brawl in Erica's driveway*3 H's and a B*LAWNMOWER*"Dad, she's got cramps"*Enjoy the Scenery*Sexual Healing*Lauren's Stupid Boyfriend*Applebee's*"NEVER take the same plate back!"-Miss Food Management USA*Erica totally paused!*sneaking out for munchies*Shotgun!*"Chris Mehler called me!"*Cookie Shakes*Thriving Metropolis*IB LD*Tin Roof Rusted!*"Sally?!?"*Stu*Homecoming '96...What a joke!...Don't let it happen again, kids!*jumper cables, anyone?*Hillary's strays* creepin'...creepin'...drive by!*Don't ash in my car!*Pre-post-pre PMS*SWAT team*electric eels*JOCIE 1*"My Dad is outside checking up on me!"*J.C.'s odometer*deodorant microphone*Miss Sleepover '92*Erica...aka Most Beautifulest Vocabulest*Richmond Health Society*Getting soaked at Hootie*Math*saved by the bell*

We'll Always Be Together
Today, Tomorrow, Forever...

sherri carrington

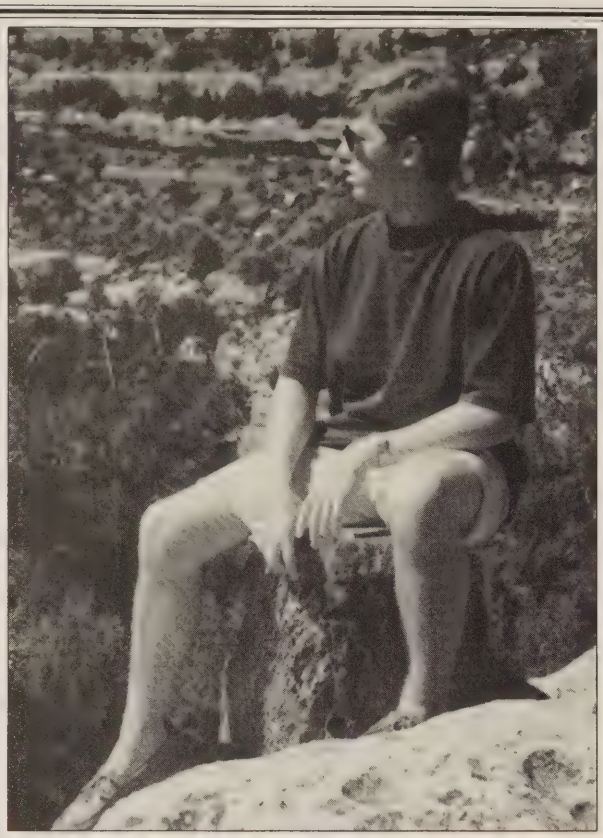
You brought us love and joy from your first step, to cheering, modeling, and dance. We wish you success and happiness in all you choose to do in life. We are proud of you and will always be here for you.
Love, Mom, Dad, John, and Debbie

marc temple

CONGRATULATIONS MARC!! We are so proud of you! Remember Colossians 3:23-24: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." WE LOVE YOU!!
Dad, Mom, Malleri, and Caylyn

heather ballard

It's hard to believe you're graduating. We can remember the day you were born--like it was yesterday--one of the happiest days of our lives. The time has come for us to let go and let you try your wings. This is a hard step for us as well as you. Just remember we love you and we'll always be there for you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Wes, as you contemplate your future, remember the importance of family and friends.
Speak only the truth and live by your own values.
Play hard, work diligently...embrace each new experience -
THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
Congratulations - we love you,
Mom, MG, and Corey

george wesley hitt

bradford conner

You are our first born and you have set a great example for your brothers. You have made us very proud.
We love you,
Mom and Dad

sara beth lowery

You have always looked at the world through big bright eyes. Never let others bring you down, and you will achieve all that you dream of. We are proud of you.
Mom, Dad, and Billy

holly finley

To our fantastic cheerleader,
You are the joy in our life and the love in our hearts. We are very proud of you. Hold fast and work hard for your goals, dreams, values, and beliefs. God bless you.
We love you very much,
Mom and Dad

Keri, you are our heart and soul and we are so very proud of you. We know you will always succeed in everything you do. You are a wonderful daughter and we love you very much.
Love always,
Daddy and Mama

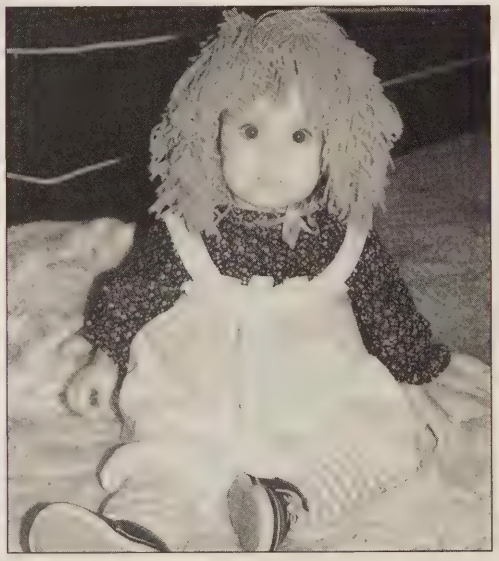
keri kristin cawley

melanie goad

Melanie - Congratulations! You are a wonderful daughter and we are very proud of you. You are at a wonderful time in your life - a time of dreams and new beginnings - make the best of it. We wish you success and happiness always. "Sister" I love you - I'll miss you while you're away at college. WE LOVE YOU.
Mom, Dad, and Brandon

Your life has filled our family with laughter and love. You have the potential to be anything you choose. We will always be there to love and support you.
Mom, Dad, and Shawn

patrick lewis burke



lindsay campbell

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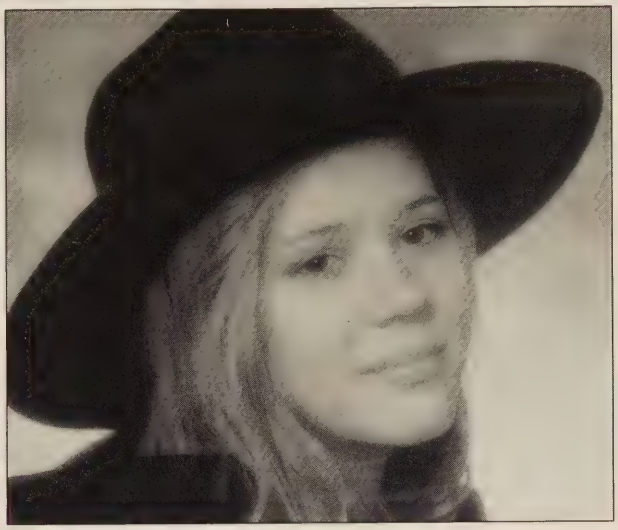
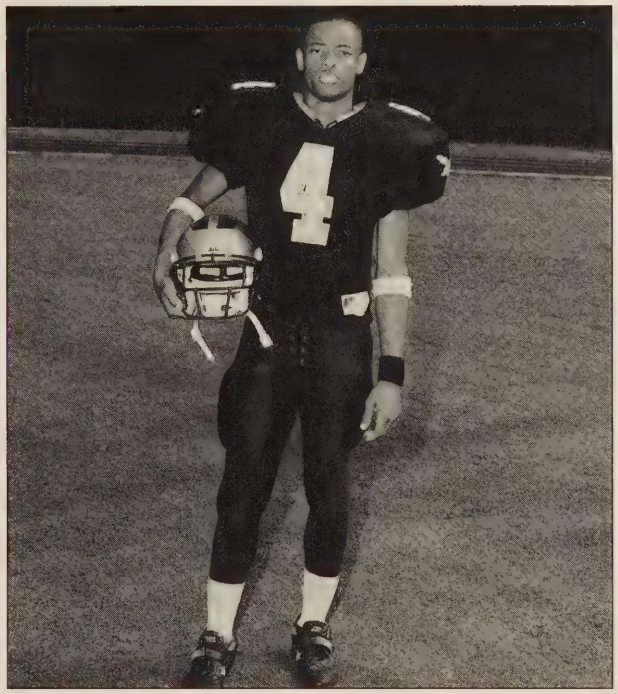


lauren a. denny

It seems like just yesterday that you were born and now you're graduating! You have brought so much happiness and joy into our lives. Our hearts could burst with pride over your accomplishments and the beautiful young woman you've become. Your cheerful, gentle, loving nature makes you such a special person and we will miss you terribly! There's a wonderful world out there to explore and we have confidence that you're prepared to face it. Just remember to be true to yourself, follow your heart, and we're always here for you if you need us!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Lindsay, and Blake



james c. hines jr.

Thank you for filling our lives with so much joy and making us prouder than you could ever know. Continue to be a leader, our joy, our gentleman "Jim."

Love,
Mom, Dad, and the 2 Tee's

nicole feind

Nikki, you have been a joy to us since the day you were born. Your spirit of adventure, your determination to succeed and your ability to care about others are just a few of the many reasons our love for you continues to grow and GROW! We are very proud of you for reaching this milestone in your life. Whatever you embark on, wherever you may go, remember God, yourself and your family, and you'll always make the right decision. God bless you!
With our love, Mom, Dad, Kim, and Bobby
P.S. Try to be on time!

amy m. matthews

You were a gift from God and you have been our constant source of sunshine. Your positive attitude and beautiful smile will carry you wherever life leads.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Ashley, Rajah, and Simba

colin pendell

We love you, Colin!
Congratulations!
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, Kerry and Chris

kimberly denise stultz

We have been so lucky to have a daughter as wonderful as you. We are so proud of you!
We love you!
Mom and Dad

amy fife

Congratulations, Amy! We are so proud of you. Thank you for being such a wonderful daughter and sister. We wish you joy and success and pray God's blessings for you always.
Our love,
Mom, Dad, Brooke, and Lisa

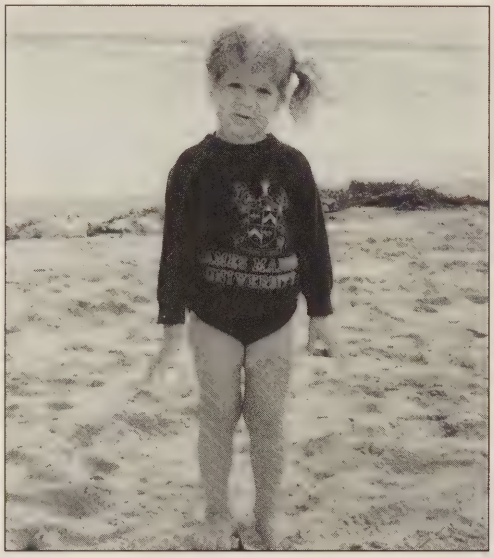
nancy c. graham

To our darling daughter Nancy...You have been a joy in our lives as our cute little baby, Daddy's little girl, and now a lovely young woman. We loved and nurtured you through your early years and now as you start a new chapter in your life, we want you to know that our love will follow you always. We have believed in your dreams and we look forward to seeing you reach all of your dreams. In fact, reach for the stars!
Congratulations...Love, Mom and Dad

whitney mick

May life provide you with as much joy and happiness as you have given us through your beautiful smile and your wonderful attitude.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jason

erica j. godwin



To our "Little Miss Magic"
Thank you for your love, laughter, loyalty, and neverending "chaos." You're everything a daughter could be - and more than a brother could hope for in a big sister. Always remember to stay true to yourself and you'll make a difference in this world. You've made us very proud. Our love will always be with you.
Dad, Mom, and Jonathan

cary wells

Congratulations to a wonderful son. I've always been proud of you. You have brought much love and happiness to your family and I wish you happiness and success as you begin a new chapter in your life.
Love,
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All the best in the future.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Megan

deidre murphy

dawn temple

Dawnie, we are so thankful that God has blessed our lives with you. You have challenged life and achieved much. We love you more than you can possibly know. You have made us so proud.
With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Amber and Joy

jessica lynn rudd

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gideon elliot

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Lots of love,
Heather and Jenni

Daddy and I are so proud of you and your goals and accomplishments. You are fulfilling so many of our dreams for you. You are our shining star. Continue to make good choices. You're a beautiful daughter and a great sister.
Love you much,
Mom, Dad, and Sara

jessica dianne little

case epps

Ode to a Rose
Upon my bed I struck a pose,
My only thought to sniff a rose
Whose idea could this have been
I took my blows upon my chin,
I hit my head upon a wall,
Backward spiraling I did fall,
Now my eyes are black and blue,
Ode to a rose it's because of you.
With love, Daddy Hatchet, Momma Sandra, Daddy Alva, and Momma Janet

jocelyn woodward

When you were born with big hair and winked at your Dad when you were 18 hours old, we had a clue you might be something special. As you graduate, know we are as proud of the person you have become as we are of your academic achievements. The world is there for you to explore and enjoy.
Mom and Frank Dad and Kelly

lisa coward

To our wonderful daughter:
The piano seemed so big, your fingers so small. You started so early with a zest for learning and a desire to achieve. We are so very proud of your relentless pursuit of excellence in so many facets of your life. With your love of God and great desire to learn, we can't wait to see what He has planned for you. God bless you in these upcoming college years. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths" Proverbs 3:6
We love you very much, Mom and Dad

rachel luck

Our "Little Princess" Your Dad and I did boast. To your brothers you were "Squirt" and "Roach." But all names aside, a true blessing you've been. And may you always keep God as your closest friend. Congratulations Rachel. We love ya!
Mom, Dad, and Jason

carla morris

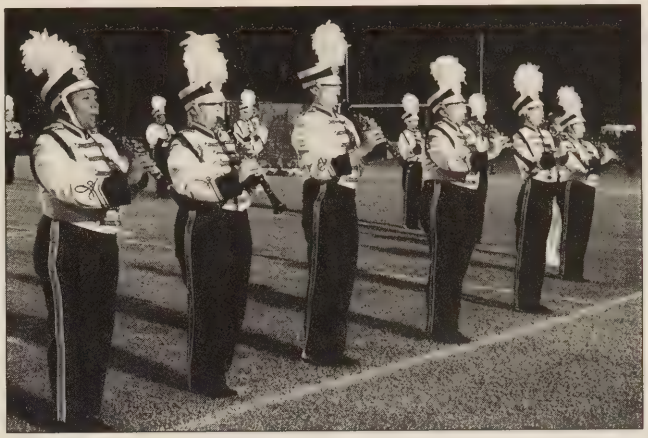
We hope all your dreams come true.
Love,
your Mama, Abby, and Eve

stacie l. scott

Well, you made it! We've always known what a strong willed, determined individual you are! Anything you decide to do, you can do. Anything you decide to be, you can be. Set your goals and aim high. Nothing can stop you from acheiving your dream! We wish you joy, love, and happiness in all that you do! We are so proud! You're a Great Kid! May God bless you and keep you.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kristen, and Matthew

hillary b. scott

You are a special person. You have made us very proud. The world is waiting for you. Our love will always be with you.
Love,
Mom and Dad



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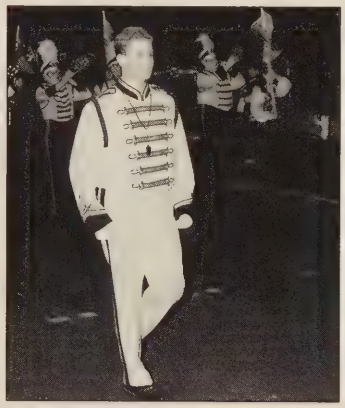

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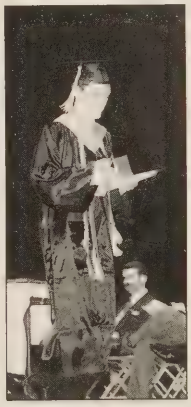

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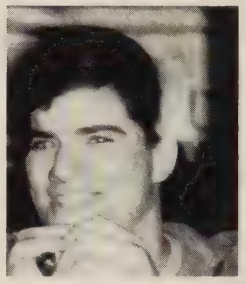
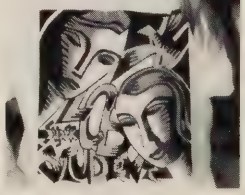


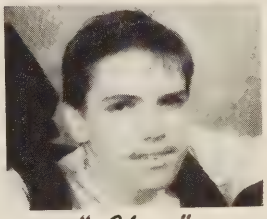


In memoriam

This yearbook is dedicated to everyone in the Skyhawk family. We would especially like to recognize three young men whose lives were sadly cut short this year.

In loving memory we acknowledge them.

Christopher Cabrera

July 1981  November 1996

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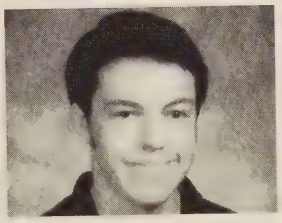
October 1979  February 1997

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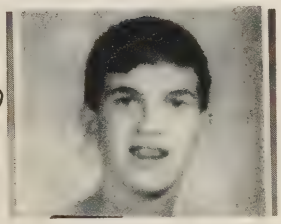
Gregory Milo Gotwals

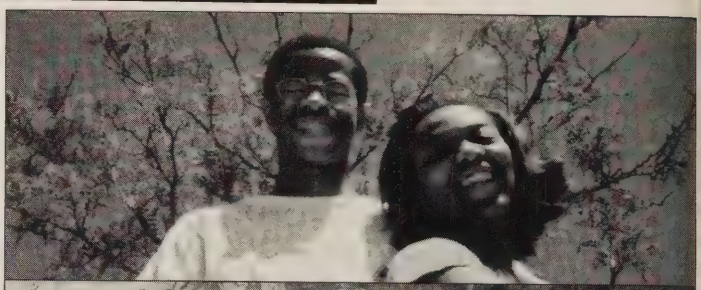
July 1980  December 1996

"Greg"

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

best all-around

JASON JIGGETTS AND TIWANA DAVIS



most likely to stay the same

ALAN TRAMMELL AND HAYLIE LUM

most changed

GIDEON ELLIOT AND BARBARA STELLS

biggest flirt

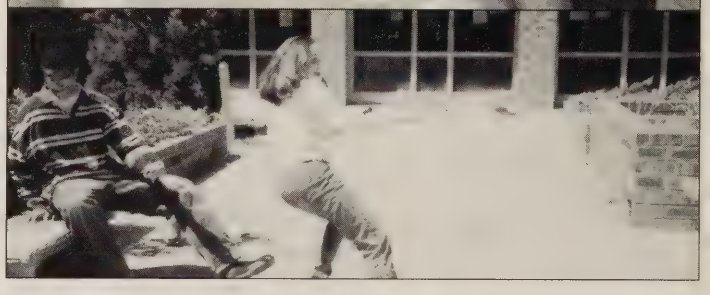
COLIN PENDELL AND JOCELYN WOODWARD

class clown

LARRY MADISON AND MIESHA MCCORMICK

most outgoing

JASON JIGGETTS AND HAYLIE LUM



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

biggest ego

Colin Pendell and Erica Godwin

most athletic

Jason Jiggetts and Becky Kirkman

most school spirit

Scott Williams and Jessica Rudd

most likely to host a talk show

Larry Madison and Jocelyn Woodward

most likely to succeed

Alan Trammell and Lanre Omojokun

most friendly

Jason Jiggetts and Haylie Lum

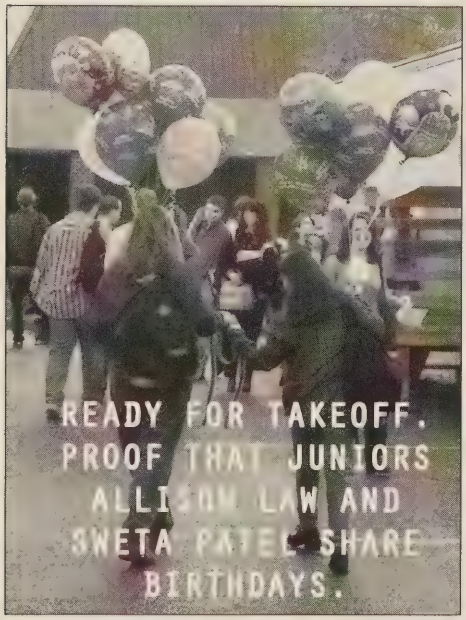
the best
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
of the year

by mike joosse

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED.

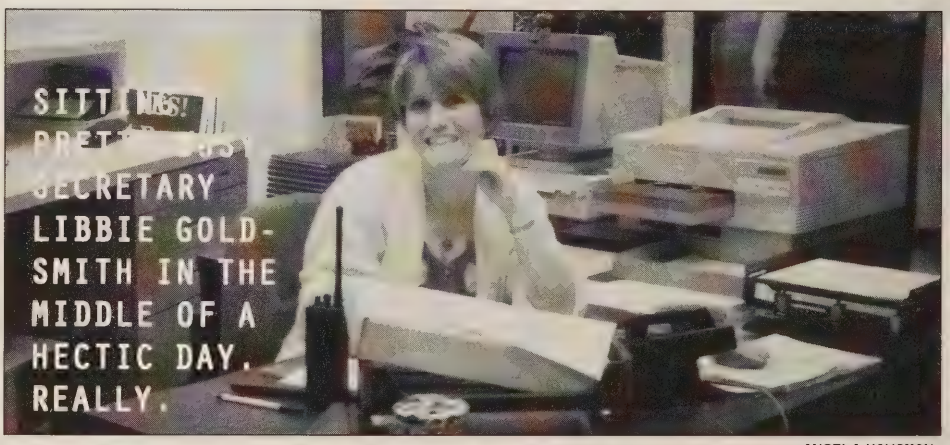
And we are left with rememberings. All of the things that we forgot over the course of nine months.

Consider what you remember about THE BEST. Senior Tennille Chisholm will be among the first female cadet at VMI in 1997. Senior Alan Trammell had the highest grade point average of all Bird students in history. Junior Wareth Alkebu-Lan represented Bird at the National Track and Field Competition in Boston - the only one to do so this year. The Drama Department sent 22 thespians to the State Competitions with "The Course of True Love..." The Varsity Basketball team advanced farther than ever be-



READY FOR TAKEOFF. PROOF THAT JUNIORS ALLISON LAW AND SWETA PATEL SHARE BIRTHDAYS.

PATRICK BURKE



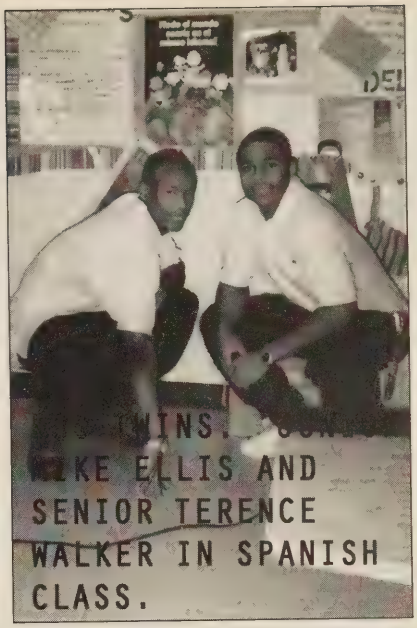
SITTING PRETTY AS SECRETARY LIBBIE GOLDSMITH IN THE MIDDLE OF A HECTIC DAY. REALLY.

ANGELA HOWSMON

THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DR. B. JOHN BASKERVILLE DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST.

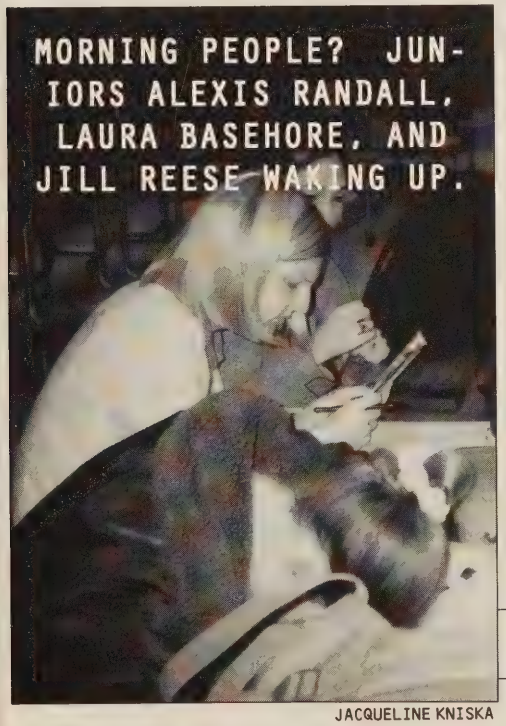
PATRICK BURKE

"IT'S JUST ANOTHER WILD MOMENT IN MY LIFE."



TWINS, SOPHOMORE MIKE ELLIS AND SENIOR TERENCE WALKER IN SPANISH CLASS.

MARCY HARPER



MORNING PEOPLE? JUNIORS ALEXIS RANDALL, LAURA BASEHORE, AND JILL REESE WAKING UP.

JACQUELINE KNISKA

fore. And continuing their streak of excellence, the Symphonic Band received perfect scores at competitions.

Now remember the times. 1997 was the year that almost everyone saw Independence Day. It was the year that rap icons Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G. died tragically. It was the year that the OJ Circus left television forever. And it was the year of no winter storms....

- DR. JOHN BASKERVILLE

THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SENIOR JAMIE FRANCIS PLAYS ON DURING A PEP RALLY.

DAVID CALDWELL

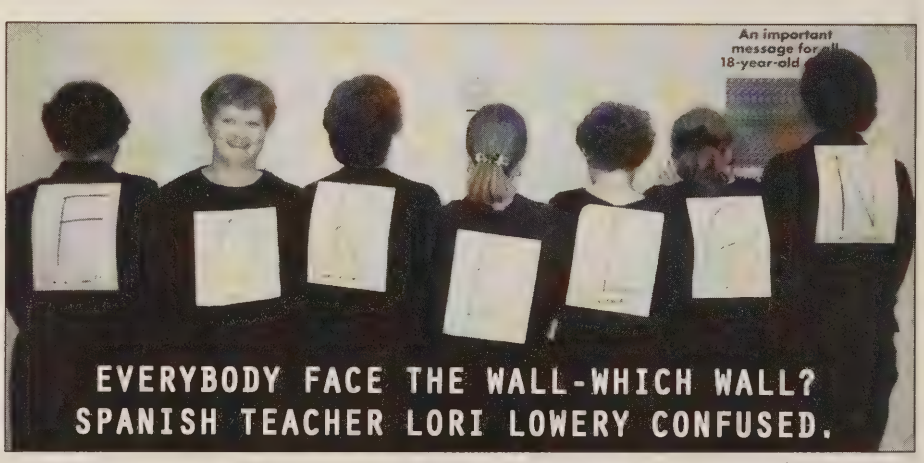
"I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE."

- DYLAN BROD

BETTER THAN LATRINE DUTY. JUNIOR DYLAN BROD ON THE JOB.

1997 was the first year in history that Assistant Principal John Foege danced the Macarena. It was the first year the Renaissance Program came out in full force.

It was also the last year that Bird



EVERYBODY FACE THE WALL-WHICH WALL? SPANISH TEACHER LORI LOWERY CONFUSED.

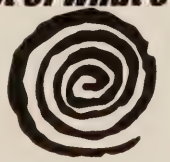
ANGELA HOWSMON

ERIN HUNDLEY

High School remained the same. On September 2, 1997, the student body got their first look at the massive five-year renovation project around the campus.

What will happen in 1998? No one knows for sure. We do know that when the world changes, we'll still be

the best of what's around.



THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES. JUNIOR LYNDSEY FERRELL MAKING HERSELF PRESENTABLE IN THE LADIES ROOM.

TABATHA DAWSON

BEHIND THE TIMES. AN ANONYMOUS FAN DECLARES THEIR ...UH... DEVOTION TO THE SCHOOL.

DUSTY FARMER

DAVID CALDWELL

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